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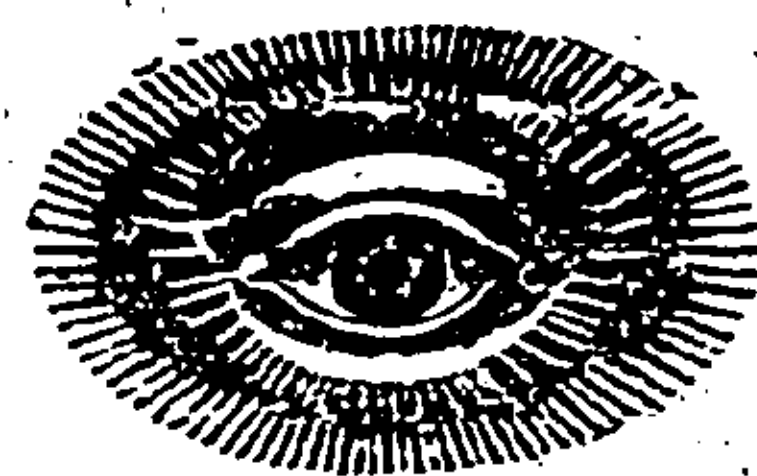
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GENEVA LULL.

Plenary Session Fixed For Thursday.

AMERICA REQUIRES TIME.

Postponement Regarded As Favourable Factor.

OPPOSITION BASED ON SUGGESTED NEW TONNAGE.

The plenary session of the Limitation of Armaments Conference at Geneva has been fixed for Thursday.

It now transpires that the sitting was postponed at the request of the American delegation, who required more time in which to examine the proposals.

There is, however, no definite suggestion that the lull is indicative of a satisfactory solution being arrived at. Feeling at Home is still optimistic as to the outcome of the Conference, but it seems that America will stick to her guns. Meanwhile, the other Power concerned in the parley, Japan, is saying nothing.

THE "PARITY" BUGBEAR.

Rugby, yesterday.

At the request of the United States delegation the plenary session of the Naval Limitation Conference at Geneva, which was fixed for to-morrow afternoon, has been postponed as the Americans are understood to require more time for an examination of the British proposals. It is not expected that the plenary session will be held before Thursday.

Although reports from Washington hold out little hope of agreement being reached the postponement is regarded as a favourable factor, and it is understood that Mr. Gibson is in close telegraphic consultation with the authorities at Washington.

The "Times" Geneva correspondent says that America's insistence on the eight inch as against the six inch gun has been modified and her opposition is now based on the amount of suggested new tonnage, although that amount is less than that originally put forward in the American proposal and is very near to what in the earlier stages of the conference the United States regarded as a reasonable figure.

Shifted Ground.

"It was only when the Americans discovered that their own limits involved building if they wished to maintain parity that they shifted their ground. In the British view the question of parity must be considered as an affair of the United States. The British delegation with the approval and support of the British Government, is still guided by the principle that adequate protection of Empire trade routes is its first care. The mere fact that enemy warships in the late war sank over 7,800,000 tons of shipping carrying British supplies should be argument enough that this is a matter no British statesman can trifle with.

"In the last few weeks the attention of the public has been allowed to drift away from the original purpose of the conference. When the British Government consented to take part in the conference it expressly stated that the views of His Majesty's Government upon the special geographical position of the British Empire, the length of international communications and the necessity of the protection of its food supplies were well known, and together with the special conditions and requirements of other countries, invited to participate in conversations, must be taken into account.

Question of Parity.

"The principle that the level to which navies could be reduced must be compatible with no other security was also admitted from the first by the United States Government, and was twice mentioned in its replies to the refusal of France to join in the conference. In the earlier stages of the conference the American delegation declared itself guided by a desire to take up and determine on their merits in the spirit of mutual accommodation the respective technical and naval problems, each having regard to the needs of others. It was not until Admiral Jones introduced the question of parity into the discussions that the American delega-

tion evolved the theory that contingencies in respect of commerce raiding in the time of war must not be allowed to influence preparations in the time of peace."

Thursday's Meeting.

The plenary conference has been fixed for Thursday.—Reuter. British Minister & Mr. Kellogg. Washington, yesterday. The British Ambassador, Sir Esme Howard, unexpectedly re-



SIR ESME HOWARD.

turned from his summer quarters and privately conferred with Secretary Kellogg. Washington officials decline to indicate the significance of Sir E. Howard's visit in view of the situation at Geneva, but it is pointed out that there is no prospect of any new American proposal in relation to the deadlock in the Naval Conference.—Reuter.

Until 1931?

Geneva, yesterday. There is still no indication as to the fate of the Naval Conference. A compromise appears doubtful and the impression prevails that the delegations are considering the best means of suitably closing the conference. There will probably be an adjournment of the whole question until the revision of the Washington Treaty in 1931 takes place.—Reuter.

American Design.

Geneva, yesterday. The Americans' design, in presenting their latest proposal, is stated to be to furnish the British with a safeguard in the event of America increasing the number of her big cruisers.

It appears that the proposal was presented several days ago but, so far, has not fallen on fertile soil, so far as Britain is concerned.

Mr. Gibson to-day conferred with Mr. Bridgeman and Viscount Jellicoe.

Support for Mr. Gibson.

Reuter learns that the United States Government is backing up Mr. Gibson in his rejection of the British proposals and an exchange of cables with America relates to the terms of Mr. Gibson's statement to close the conference. Delegates Confer. The situation is stationary. Mr. Bridgeman conferred for a considerable time with Admiral Saito this morning.

Mr. Bridgeman, later, conferred with the Dominions' delegates. "Statesmanship Lacking."

New York, yesterday.

The Press holds out little hope of an agreement at Geneva. The "New York World" is of opinion that the conference should be kept alive in order to

NANKING ATTACK.

Plans For Offensive Discussed.

LI CHAI-SUM AGAIN.

Another Attempt To Kill Him.

Information has been received in Hong Kong that plans for the attack on Nanking are developing swiftly. General Wang Chin-wai has left for Kiukiang to discuss the matter with Chu Pe-teh. Wang was first reported to have left for Japan, but this was only a bluffing move to deceive Tang Yin-tat and others who wished to molest him. He declares he has no idea of returning to Hankow.

Explosion Near Boat.

News has been received in the Colony of an attempt on the life of General Li Chai-sum, chief military officer in Canton. This is the second attempt made within a week. As General Li was mak-

CHIANG TO ATTACK HSUCHOW.

Gen. Chiang Kai-shek has despatched troops to attack Hsuehchow and has ordered a complete army to the Fukien borders to repel the advancing Communists. Marshal Chang Tiao-lin has declared his intention of attacking Feng Yu-shiang in a fortnight's time.—"Hong Kong Evening Post."

ing his customary journey by motor boat to one of his headquarters at the Cement Works, Honan, opposite the East Bund, an explosion took place in the stream, not far from the General's boat. None of his party was injured and the General landed on the East Bund and walked back to the Headquarters from which he had set out (on the Second East Bund).

No arrests have been made in connection with the attempt. According to one report, the explosion was caused by a mine which was connected by wire to one of the many flower boats opposite the East Bund. Another account has it that a miniature torpedo was launched at the General's boat by the occupants of a small rowing boat who made good their escape.

Admiral Wu Arrested.

Tsingto, yesterday. The Shantung authorities on Saturday arrested Admiral Wu, commanding the Second Northern Squadron, and ordered Rear-Admiral Lin to take over command. Wu's arrest is apparently due to the authorities' suspicions concerning the inactivity of the Navy. The populace was nervous on Saturday owing to numerous pickets in the streets, but the coup was effected without trouble at the military conference to which Wu and two captains were invited. Szechuan to Mobilize. Peking.

Li Chung-kung, representative of General Yang-sen of Szechuan at Nanking has wired Liu Tsun-hou, Tapan of Szechuan, requesting the latter to mobilize his troops for the Hupeh campaign. It was stated in the despatch that he had already spoken to General Chiang Kai-shek "in regard to the Tapan's zeal in aiding the Nationalist government." He also informed Liu that negotiations ought to be opened with General Yang, Commander-in-Chief, for funds and munitions.

Arrest of Chow Ordered. According to a Tientsin special to the "Shun Tien Shih Pao," the office of the commander-in-chief of the peace-preservation corps at that port has issued a circular to the various military and police circles ordering them to arrest General Chow Yin-jen, who is supposed to be in hiding in the French Concession. \$50,000 has been offered as a reward.

General Chow was a prominent commander under Marshal Sun Chuan-fang. He is accused of instigating the recent revolt of General Chen Yi-yen at Kamei and is, therefore, held fully responsible.

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permit Herculean efforts to be made for an agreement, which should take the form of a meeting between Mr. Baldwin and President Coolidge, as personal discussion might rise above detail to a statesmanship which has been sadly lacking at the Conference.—Reuter's American Service.

WORLD THEATRE.

Previous Bankruptcy Recalled.

PARTNERSHIP ISSUE.

Judgment For Hong Kong Amusements Ltd.

An issue concerning partnership in the firm which started the World Theatre and conducted its affairs prior to the Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd. Plaintiffs were the Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd. Mr. F. C. Jenkin, for plaintiffs, indicated that the defendants' solicitors had received no further instructions in the matter. This issue had been ordered to be tried, he said, on February 5, 1926, under the Bankruptcy Ordinance, for the purpose of testing whether or not the defendants, Lai Hoi-shan and Lai Man-wai, were partners in the World Theatre before the World Theatre was taken over by the Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd.

Creditors For \$17,000.

The Hong Kong Amusements were creditors in the bankruptcy of the World Theatre for \$17,000, continued Mr. Jenkin, \$6,000 of this being for films supplied and \$11,000 under an assignment to the Hong Kong Government of rent due by the World Theatre to the Hong Kong Government.

The facts, continued counsel, were that in March, 1921, four brothers, the two defendants, and Lai Pak-hoi and Lai Tung-hoi, conceived the idea of acquiring from the Crown, property for the purpose of erecting a cinema. They acquired a lease of Inland Lot No. 2223 and proceeded to build the World Theatre on it. The proprietors who were embarked on this scheme constituted the firm of which the first defendant, Lai Hoi-shan, was the principal partner and the only active principal.

The first defendant, on the plaintiffs' evidence, continued counsel, contributed four-fifths of the total capital of \$50,000. The partnership appointed Mr. Wong Tai-tso to act for them in their English business, of which there was a considerable amount. This gentleman was related by marriage to the second defendant.

A \$20,000 Mortgage. The building was completed in July, 1921, and shortly afterwards a mortgage was executed in favour of the Bank of East Asia to secure banking facilities for \$20,000, which business was attended to by the first defendant who, stated counsel, was the "master mind" in anything of any importance in connection with the business. He was also responsible for the general policy and conduct of the business.

With regard to the second defendant, he was a dormant partner, stated counsel. In July, 1925, shortly after the strike had begun in the Colony and when the financial position of the World Theatre was critical, the second defendant made an attempt to transfer his share in the concern, which amounted to \$1,000, to a Mrs. Yeung. For the purpose of this transfer, the second defendant's deposit receipt and a transfer form were brought to Mr. Wong Tai-tso to endorse thereon the regularity of the proposed transfer.

Documents Photographed.

Mr. Wong Tai-tso did not in fact put through the transfer, continued counsel, but for reasons which were not material he took the documents to Mr. H. K. Woo, solicitor. The documents were then photographed and the originals returned to the second defendant, since when they had not been seen. The second defendant had, in fact, begun out of the Colony for some time, an affidavit having been filed by him in this matter in Shanghai a year ago. No solicitors were acting for him, and the only evidence in connection with his alleged partnership, was that of the photographs.

Evidence was given by Mr. Wong Tai-tso, who had attended to the foreign business of the firm, as to all important appointments having been made by the

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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand to-day was 1/11 15/16

PACIFIC FLIGHT.

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Hops to Honolulu and Manila.

San Francisco, July 17. Captain William Erwin's flight from Dallas to Hong Kong via Manila will be timed to leave San Francisco on August 12.

At least six aeroplanes will hop off at this time in a race for Honolulu and the \$25,000 Dole Prize. Cabled messages from Earl Smith and Richard Grace say that they are planning to hasten back to California and enter the Dole Prize competition.

Auggie Pedlar of Michigan is en route westward and will arrive here next week. He is now in Texas. Several other reputable fliers have formally announced their intention of flying to Honolulu.

Captain Erwin of Dallas is the only flier planning the flight to Hong Kong. If he is forced to land in Guam he will omit Manila and continue directly to Hong Kong. Honolulu will be his first stop.

United Press messages from Los Angeles say that two fliers of that city have aeroplanes almost completed, intending to fly to Honolulu, Auggie Pedlar wires from Texas that he might start on the 11th, before the day set for the beginning of the Dole Derby.

Francis de Villard, a Los Angeles aviator, announced that he would attempt to fly from that city to Hong Kong leaving on the 12th of August. He will make landings at Honolulu, and either Guam or Manila, en route to China.

THE TOUR OF STATE.

PRINCES AND PREMIER AT MONTREAL.

A ROUSING WELCOME.

Montreal, yesterday.

The Prince of Wales, Prince George and Mr. Baldwin were clamorously welcomed on landing and, escorted by the Canadian Dragoons and a guard of honour of Canadian Grenadiers, attended a reception at the City Hall where the Mayor presented addresses of welcome in French and English. The Prince of Wales and Mr. Baldwin briefly replied, a few eloquent sentences by the latter, creating a great impression.—Reuter.

WET BANK HOLIDAY.

RAIN SPOILS ENJOYMENT AT HOME.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Rain fell almost continuously to-day in London and many other parts of Southern England, completely marring the enjoyment of the August Bank holiday makers.—British Wireless Service.

first defendant who directed the general policy. The petition in bankruptcy was presented on August 22, 1924. Prior to that, negotiations had taken place between the theatre and Lo Kan, a director of the Hong Kong Amusements, with a view to taking over the working of the Theatre. Nothing came of these negotiations.

Debts To Pathé, Orient.

In further proof of the first defendant's partnership, a letter was put in by plaintiffs which had been sent to the Manager of Messrs. Pathé, Orient, relative to an outstanding account, in which the first defendant's signature appeared against the guarantor. This letter was identified by Mr. Wong who also identified the writing and signature of the second defendant in the photographs of the share certificate documents. These he had last seen when they were handed to him in connection with the second defendant's proposal to sell his \$1,000 share to a Mrs. Yeung.

Evidence as the first defendant's position in the firm was also given by Mr. Wong Lam-tso, who had acted as secretary for the debtor firm.

His Lordship (Mr. Justice Wood) having expressed himself as satisfied, judgment was entered for the plaintiffs against both defendants with costs on the estate.

PAVING THE WAY.

Proposals To The C.N.C. Strikers.

CONFERENCE AT SHANGHAI.

Guilds Considering Messrs. Butterfield's Offer.

ANOTHER MEETING OF AGENTS & MEN TO-DAY.

As announced last week in the "China Mail," a conference between the agents of the China Navigation Co., Ltd., (Messrs. Butterfield and Swire) and representatives of the officers and engineers' guilds has taken place at Shanghai and as a result there will be another meeting to-day at which the Guilds will place certain proposals before the Agents.

Feeling locally is very optimistic.

SUBSTITUTES FOR ENGINEERS.

It is now definitely learnt that a conference between delegates representing the officers, and the China Navigation Company took place in Shanghai on Saturday and that certain proposals were put before the officers in consequence.

These proposals, the nature of which has not been disclosed outside those affected by them, were considered at a meeting of the Guilds in Shanghai yesterday. Certain decisions, it is learnt, have been arrived at and these will be communicated to the Company at a further conference which was arranged for to-day, also in Shanghai.

These are regarded as preliminary negotiations which will pave the way to a settlement before long.

Shanghai, July 28.

The situation regarding the dispute between the China Navigation Company and its foreign floating staff still drags on, and nothing can be gathered from either side to indicate any early settlement of the trouble.

The great majority of the Company's fleet of 75 vessels remains tied up at Shanghai, Hong Kong and the outports, though the skeleton service which was started on the Yangtze, Hong Kong and northern runs is still being maintained. The latest arrivals have been the Shantung from Tientsin and the Shantung from Hong Kong. The Shantung will leave port again to-morrow on the southern run. It is understood that she will not proceed to Hong Kong and Canton on this occasion, but will go only to Amoy and Swatow, and then return to Shanghai.

Little Cargo.

The dispute has now been in progress 26 days, and though it has naturally resulted in a partial disorganization of coastal shipping, the vessels of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, and to a lesser degree the China Merchants S. N. Co., have been working at high pressure to cope with the shortage of tonnage. The China Merchants, owing to most of their vessels having been commandeered by General Chiang Kai-shek for troop purposes, have been, as one shipping man put it, "a bit out of luck," but such ships as they have been able to put into service have done quite well, especially from northern ports.

There is not at the moment, we are informed, any great surfeit of cargo on the Yangtze rub, but with what has been available, the ships of the I. C. S. N. have been very busily engaged. They have been also doing quite well on the Tientsin and southern runs, especially in the passenger trade, and the same remark applies to the service southward out of Hong Kong, in which the China Navigation Company has specialized for many years.

Engine Room Fitters.

Interviewed by a representative, the local secretaries of the Guilds stated that the latest development in the situation so far as the Guilds were concerned was that on Thursday or Friday last the China Navigation Company sent seven Chinese engine-room hands to an official of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. with a request that they be examined as to their proficiency in the engine-room. They were, it is

stated, examined orally and afterwards given documents on plain paper to the effect that they were qualified to act as engine-room fitters. Two of the Chinese concerned had been sent on the str. "Poyang" for duty, the only foreign engineer on the ship being a certificated chief engineer. Two had similarly been sent to the str. "Tatung," and both vessels had subsequently cleared for Hankow.

In regard to the Chinese fitters, the Guilds assert that the documents were obtained from the Indo-China S. N. Co. were wholly inadequate to qualify the men concerned to act in the place of certified engineers, and that any examination to that effect should have been conducted only by the British Government local surveyor, who, they state, was not consulted. The Guilds further assert that the official of the Indo-China S. N. Co. who issued the documents has written to the Consular authorities asking that the documents be withdrawn as he was not authorised to issue certificates of competency.

Messrs. Butterfield and Swire stated to our representative that they had nothing to say in the matter, but that they were convinced that the steps they had taken were perfectly in order.—"N. C. D. News."

Refund of Reduction? Although, when interviewed yesterday afternoon, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, the local agents for the China Navigation Co., would neither confirm nor deny it, we have information from an unimpeachable source that a most important development, and one which possibly may have far-reaching consequences, has taken place in connection with the dispute between the Company and its foreign floating staff, which has now been in progress since June 30.

Our information is to the effect that the London offices of the China Navigation Co., having balanced the books of the Company and reviewed the working of the company's fleet for the quarter ended June 30 last, have definitely decided to pay to the officers of the company the ten per cent reduction in salaries which took effect from April 1 last. The decision to return the ten per cent deducted applies only for the quarter ended June 30 and is without prejudice to the scale of salaries to be paid for the present and subsequent quarters.

Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, seen yesterday evening, said that while they were not prepared to deny the correctness of the rumour, they were not in a position to make any statement for the press at present, but that such a statement would doubtless be made at an early date.—"N. C. D. News."

SHANGHAI RATES.

CHINESE PAPER IN TEST CASE.

Shanghai, To-day. The Court of Consuls has ordered the China Courier to deposit \$1,000 to cover the rates due and costs of the action, upon which will be issued a temporary injunction restraining the Municipal Council from cutting off the supply of electric power from the courier pending the hearing of the action.—Reuter.

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ADDRESS TO SINGAPORE
CHINESE.

INDO-CHINA CULTURE.

Dr. Rabindranath Tagore was invited by the Chinese schools to deliver a speech to the Chinese community at the Palace Gay Theatre, Singapore.

The Acting Chinese Consul-General presided.

After an address of welcome by the Chinese Consul, the poet stood up and read a message of greeting to the teachers, which was interpreted in Chinese to the audience by Mr. Fang Shu-pang. The message was as follows:—

Brother teachers, members of a profession that is humble and content in its useful obscurity, helping to think and act according to the best light of truth, I greet you—I greet you personally as a teacher, for I can lay claim to that honoured name. I greet you also as a representative of my own country. I wish you all joy and peace and strength and ever increasing competence through study and thought and sympathy in your work of teaching and guiding the youth in their intellectual outlook and in shaping their character.

At the same time, let me assure you, dear friends, that I have not come here to speak to you about duties from a superior attitude of aloofness. We have our common interest in a new era of rejuvenation for this ancient continent whose children we both claim to be—a continent which once was the cradle of great civilisations and the source of the streams of spiritual truth which still feed the life in the greater part of the human world, and therefore we in the name of mother Asia have come to lay our claim to you—the inheritors of a luminously glorious past that has given to man profound systems of philosophy, high codes of social and political ethics, a profuse wealth of inventions and creations of beauty that have their endless inspiration for all time to come. We have come to ask you to awake into a full consciousness of the great personality of your race and lead it to a future which will rescue Asia from its age-long humiliation of obscurity.

After reading this, the poet made a short speech, of which the following is the gist:—

"The fact of physical birth—in a mere corner of a household in a particular country—gives a man the right to claim the entire country as his own. The poet, though born in a corner of Calcutta, has been by the mere fact given the right to call the whole of India his own land. Similarly, the mental body of man is born in the history of his country and its civilisation. And therefore the poet though born on a particular date in the second half of the last century (1861) can claim the past centuries of India's civilisation as truly belonging to him. So too the Chinese are the natural parts of the great civilisation, traditions and history of China. This history and civilisation of India, the poet thought, comprehend a great part of the life of China, for, in the past centuries, India offered through some of her greatest sons her homage of reverence to the shrine of humanity through her gifts to her sisterland of China out of the living harvest of her spiritual experience, her philosophy, her learning, her art.

Through this spiritual adventure of his ancestors in China, he took his part in that homage and this he realised during his last visit to China. This inter-relation between India's past and China's past; this participation of China in India's thought and culture, this admiration shown by service of India's great sons for China's culture, said the poet, gave him the right to claim, to renew the fellowship with the great Chinese people. His visit to China, and the spontaneous love and affection of the Chinese people for him, of some of them personally, loving him as much as he is loved by his household, has made him think that that claim is acknowledged. He had his 64th birthday in China when he was there. On that day, leading a party of pilgrims from India, he was given a Chinese name, and was invested like a new born babe with Chinese garments—the long garments of blue and imperial yellow which he wore at the meeting at a feast of celebrations of which ceremony of new birth to the new Indian pilgrims and their Chinese friends took part. This made him feel, as it were, a new birth, and a new sense of his unity of spirit with the Chinese people and he claimed his seat among them like one of them.

It made him feel almost like one of the great thinkers of history of Asia who loom large in the domain of Indo-Chinese co-operation, of a synthesis of the cultures of India and China. The greatness of India and the greatness of China, he felt, acted through his ideals

"OLD FOGY."

PROFESSOR EBENEZER COOK
DEAD.

Professor Ebenezer Cook, better known to Manillans as "Old Fogy," died at the Philippine General Hospital at 3 p.m. on July 27, reports the "Manila Bulletin," as the result of an operation for kidney trouble on July 19. He was eighty-four years old.

Mr. Cook was born at Bergen, New York, August 14, 1842. In 1861, at the beginning of the Civil War he enlisted as a musician in the 8th Artillery, 2nd Army Corps, New York Volunteers and served until he was discharged in 1865.

During the war, he took part in many major engagements, including the battles of the Wilderness, Cold Harbour, and Gettysburg, and was at the surrender of General Robert E. Lee at Appomattox. At Cold Harbour he narrowly escaped death when a barge was blown up in the fort. His hat was blown away by the force of the explosion. Mr. Cook often spoke of the incident and told how he later made a thorough search for the hat but never was able to find it.

Went West.

After the war, Mr. Cook migrated westward. He settled at Portland, Oregon, and, after a number of years, accumulated a large and valuable area of real estate. A slump in real estate values in that region during the Spanish-American War left Mr. Cook practically penniless.

Partly because of his great financial loss and partly because of bad health, he and his wife, Mrs. Agatha Cook, went to the Hawaiian Islands in 1901. After spending three years there they decided that a more tropical climate would help improve Mr. Cook's health. They planned to settle in Hong Kong, but after consideration, Mr. Cook declared he preferred to live under the Stars and Stripes.

Consequently they came to Manila in 1904. They settled in Ermita, at 305 Nebraska, on the site of the present Cook home. Mr. and Mrs. Cook being accomplished musicians, began teaching piano and voice soon after their arrival. This start finally developed into the present Cook's Music School, of which the deceased was principal.

Taught, Wrote.

Mr. Cook often declared: "Music furnishes inspiration." Those who were close to him say that his ability to listen to his pupils play on the piano, taking special care that each note was right, and to write articles at the same time, was nothing less than marvellous.

During his 23 years' residence in Manila, Mr. Cook wrote regularly for Manila newspapers, signing himself "Old Fogy." The articles were written with current and historical settings, but always referred to current topics. In addition to the "Old Fogy" articles, he was a frequent contributor of articles on music, usually captioned: "Music and Musicians." He also wrote many poems for various occasions.

After 1920 Mr. Cook wrote exclusively for the Manila "Daily Bulletin." His "Old Fogy" article appeared regularly on Mondays. Prior to 1920 he wrote for the "Cablenews-American."

Salvaged Harrison.

Following the administration of Governor General Harrison, Mr. Cook wrote and published a satire—drafted after Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors"—using officials who surrounded Harrison as characters. The book was widely circulated at the time, but so far as can be ascertained, is no longer for sale.

Mr. Cook was one of the two Civil War veterans residing in the Philippine Islands. He and the other, William Thomas, took part in the last Fourth of July parade. He also was an honorary member of General Lawton Egbert Camp No. 1, Veteran Army of the Philippines, United Spanish War Veterans.

Mr. Cook is survived by his wife, Mrs. Agatha Cook.

and he felt as if the spirit of those of the ancient Indians and Chinese who met in fellowship in those far-off centuries were present in the meeting and were blessing them all with their invisible presence. He said that his work in trying to bring about once more a sense of cultural co-operation between India and China is also their work, and he hoped that he would get the same sympathy and appreciation of co-operation as his ancestors received from their Chinese friends and fellow teachers for their invitation to speak to them.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the poet by the Chinese Consul-General.

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CONTEMPT OF COURT

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The "Manila Bulletin" of July 28 reports:

Jesus E. Blanco, local attorney who is up for contempt of court in which his licence to practise law is at stake, yesterday failed to convince Judge Harvey that he was justified in his inability to attend the hearing of the case set for trial on July 22. Judge Harvey, however, granted him another day to defend himself.

Mr. Blanco declared yesterday in defence that he was sure that the hearing of the case was scheduled on July 22, but that he was served notice of court at six in the evening of that day. He explained that he was that day arguing a case involving P200,000 in the supreme court.

Judge Harvey pointed out that his engagement in the supreme court did not excuse Mr. Blanco from attending the case in his court. He insisted that Mr. Blanco knew that the case was set for that day, in fact, he admitted he was ready to enter trial as scheduled.

Senators Juan Sumulong and Emiliano Tirona, counsel for Mr. Blanco, admitted that he neglected to verify whether or not the case was really scheduled for that day but they argued that such an offence did not warrant the penalty of suspending him from the practice of law. They declared that Mr. Blanco has been practising law in the Philippines for fifteen years but they never had heard of his disobeying an order of the court.

The hearing will be continued Friday at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon. Several judges of the court of first instance of Manila will testify in favour of Mr. Blanco.

MINERS ENTOMBED.

FOUR COOLIES KILLED AT
PUSING LAMA.

Iloilo, July 21.
A fall of several hundred tons of earth occurred at a Chinese mine at Pusing Lama last night, burying six, including several.

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It is now reported there were only four fatalities. Two bodies are still unrecovered.

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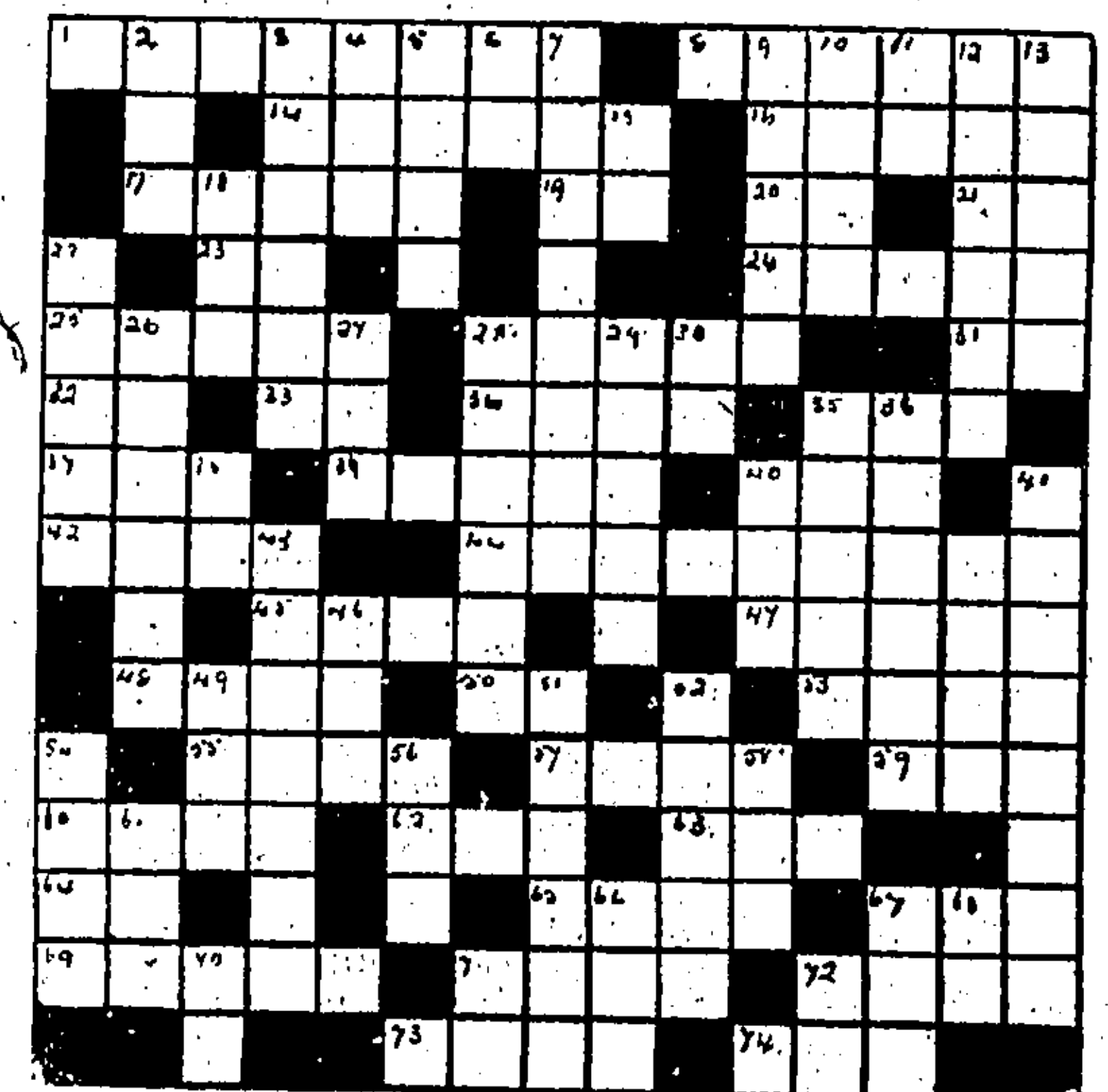
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| <p>Across.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A mass of substances worn off from solid bodies by attrition and reduced to small portions. 8. Sparring. 14. A genus of birds of the kite kind. 16. To gild or adorn. 17. Rages. 19. A relation of degree. 20. B. A. (Actual). 21. Sun God. 23. Thus. 24. Pertaining to the third division of the lower intestine. 25. To ask. 28. Summoned. 31. C. H. (Actual). 32. Personal pronoun. 33. A. L. (Actual). 34. A species of goat found in the Alps. 35. A quadruped of the stag kind. 37. Epoch. 39. Draws up. 40. Before. 42. Struck. 43. The bitter principle of Iceland moss. 45. To annul. 46. A set. 48. A book. 50. Compass point (abb.). 52. To cry aloud. 53. To support. 57. To diminish by little and little. 59. Silly fellow. 60. To murmur. 62. Period. 63. Illite. 64. Bone. 65. A bear. 67. An antelope having the neck, body and tail of a horse, and single recurved horns. 69. Needle. 70. To spot, as with ink. 72. Drops. 73. A plant of the genus Beta. 74. Snare. | <p>Down.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. A garden plot usually half an acre. 3. Delay. 4. An ear of corn. 5. Business. 6. Negative prefix. 7. Easily persuaded. 9. Furious. 10. Free of rent or service. 11. Proceed. 12. A spirituous liquor manufactured in the East Indies. 13. Physician. 15. S. T. (Actual). 16. To employ. 22. The earthy or mineral particles of combustible substances remaining after combustion. 26. To let. 27. To entangle in an intricate manner. 28. A kind of hawk. 29. A shell. 30. E. X. (Actual). 36. Mistake. 38. A genus of birds (L. ocellata) found in Australia. 39. Three toed sloth. 40. Consume. 41. Consisting of earth. 48. A rough cart. 49. Born. 49. To row. 51. The shoulder of a bastion. 52. A concretion. 54. Dark. 55. To scatter hay. 56. Date. 61. To practise customarily. 68. Decay. 69. Obtain. 70. Word of denial. 70. Printers' measure. 71. Exist. 72. L. E. (Actual). |
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"Empress of Canada" (12,811) British, from Manila—Canadian Pacific—174 passengers, 340 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 264 tons general (through).
"Turbo" (2,878) British, from Yokohama, A. P. C.—6,399 tons Full oil for Hong Kong.
"Kalyan" (5,679) British from Keelung, Mackinnon Mackenzie—19 passengers, 5,630 tons general cargo (through).
"Standard Arrow" (4,800) American, from Calcutta—S.O.C.O.N.Y.
"Tjibodas" (2,953) Dutch, from Amoy—J.C.J.L.—99 passengers, 125 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,845 tons general (through).
"Kathe" (906) German, from Canton, Kwong Mow Tai—300 tons beans for Hong Kong.
"Hermelin" (1,154) Norwegian, from Hoihow, Thorsen & Co.—5 passengers, 1,800 tons rice for Hong Kong.
"Penang Maru" (3,230) Japanese, from Moji, N.Y.K.—987 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,763 tons general (through).
"Menado Maru" (1,284) Japanese, from Swatow, O.S.K.—72 passengers, 24 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
"Confucius" (1,588) Chinese, from Haiphong, Kwong Hang Hing—1,800 tons rice for Hong Kong.
"Sun Kong" (322) Chinese, from Kwong Chow Wan—Man Yik Co.—350 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

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Shipping Abstract.

Arrivals	Departures	Port
British 8	5	34
Japanese 6	9	4
French 1	0	2
Norwegian 3	6	6
Chinese 8	4	18
Danish 0	1	0
German 3	2	1
Dutch 1	1	6
American 4	3	1
Panama 0	0	1
Portuguese 0	0	4
33	31	77

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On charges of allowing the steam launch "Keng Shai" to act as a passenger ferry in harbour without the launch having been surveyed or licensed, the owners were fined \$50 and \$15 respectively at the Marine Court this morning, the prosecution being made by the Assistant Junk Inspector, Mr. Medina.
A fine of \$10 was inflicted in the case of the steam launch "Tat Yat Yee" for towing five passenger junks and a cargo junk past the southern entrance of the Yaumatei shelter.

40 DROWNED.

VESSEL CAPSIZES IN A SQUALL.
Chicago, July 28.
More than forty persons, mostly women and children, were drowned to-day when the two-deck excursion boat "Favourite" capsized in a squall in Lake Michigan.

Twenty-two bodies had been recovered at 6 o'clock to-night, and efforts were being made to resuscitate a score of passengers who were picked out of the water unconscious but still alive.
The vessel was filled with excursionists seeking relief in the cool lake breezes from the heat of the day. When the squall came up, they rushed to the lee side of the boat for shelter, capsizing her.

Most passengers clung to the vessel or seized lifebelts while other craft rushed to the rescue.
Late to-night the "Favourite" was raised by dredges and the bodies of two women and three children were found in the upper cabin, where it is believed more bodies will be discovered as soon as the room is pumped out.
Deputy Coroner Kennedy announced at 7 o'clock to-night that more than twenty bodies had been recovered and that as many more were still in the boat.

Eugene MacDonald, Jr., president of the Zenith Radio Corporation, who donned a diving suit and went down into the vessel two hours after she capsized, said he saw thirty bodies, in which case the death toll will be increased to more than fifty.—"Associated Press."

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships are in port:
North Wall Basin, Delhi; South Wall Basin, Wild Swan; East Wall Basin, Moth Subs. L15 and L19; West Wall Dock, Vindictive; In Dock, Moorhen and Fortoli; Taikoo Dock, Foxglove; Kowloon Dock, Sterling; Buoy 1, Argus; Buoy 3, Primauguet (French); Buoy 6, Emerald; Buoy 12, Argus (French); Buoy 25, Kharki.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Yalou" are notified that all claims must reach the Agent before August 4.

JAPANESE DISASTER.

38 KILLED AND 47 WOUNDED.

Shanghai, To-day.
It is officially reported from Tokyo that 38 were killed, including five officers, and 47 wounded in yesterday's disaster to the "Tokawa," which was Japan's largest minelayer.—"Reuter."

VIOLINIST'S VISIT.

PROGRAMME FOR TO-MORROW'S RECITAL.

A reminder may be given that the famous violinist, M. Josef Borissoff, is due here to-morrow and will give recitals in the Theatre Royal in the evening and on the following night.
The following is the programme for to-morrow night:

- Symphony Espagnol .. Lalo
Allegro
Andante
Rondo
II
(a) Ave Maria Schubert Wilhelm
(b) Menuett .. Mozart
(c) Preludium-Allegro
Pugani-Kreisler
III
(a) Impromptu
(b) Romance without words
(c) Valse Staccato
IV
(a) Caprice Vienoise
(b) Liebesfreud
(c) Zigeunerweisen
Kreisler
Sarasate
This appearance of Mr. Josef Borissoff represents his hundredth performance.

OVERLOADED CAR.

The driver of public motor car No. 421 was summoned before Major Willson for overloading his car.

According to an Indian constable, he was on duty in Pokfulam Road at 3.45 a.m., on July 24, when he saw the defendant's car approaching from the direction of Aberdeen. It was heavily laden. The witness stopped the car and counted 10 persons on board, including the driver.
The defendant pleaded that there must have been some mistake in identity as he finished work at 2 a.m., on the day in question. If the constable had in fact stopped him, why did he not take his (defendant's) licence number? The constable said he was positive of the defendant's identity as he had a good look at his face.
Major Willson believed the constable and fined the defendant \$10.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The Dollar Steamship Line s.s. "President Pierce" will sail for Manila to-day at 6 p.m.
The P. & O. s.s. "Nyanza" left Shanghai for this port on July 31 at 4 a.m., and is due here to-morrow at about 10 a.m.
The P. & O. s.s. "Devanha" left Singapore for this port on July 31 at 9 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on August 4 at about noon.
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EMPRESS OF CANADA	Oct. 5	Oct. 8	Oct. 11	Oct. 14	Oct. 23	
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Oct. 26	Oct. 29	Nov. 1	Nov. 4	Nov. 13	
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Nov. 16	Nov. 19	Nov. 22	Nov. 25	Dec. 4	
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HONOLULU MARU .. Wednesday, 3rd August.
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MEXICO MARU .. Wednesday, 31st August.
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TACOMA MARU .. Thursday, 26th August.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
ARIZONA MARU .. Thursday, 18th August.
HAIPHONG—Via Hoihow & Pakhoi.
MENADO MARU .. Tuesday, 2nd August.
TAIKWA MARU .. Tuesday, 16th August.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
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West River at Shuihing	+41'0"	0'	+23.2	rising
North River at Tsingyue	+28'7"	0'	+10.8	rising
North River at Samshui	+27'3"	0'	+15.3	rising
East River at Shaktung	+15'2"	0'	+10.1	rising

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MANILA FLIGHT.

PROPOSED TRIP FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

Washington, July 26.
The success of the flight made to Hawaii by Lieutenants Maitland and Hegenberger has increased the serious interest of the war department in the proposed flight to the Philippines.

Although it is understood that a decision is not imminent, it is known that tentative plans have been developed considerably for a flight via Hawaii, Midway, Wake Island and Guam to Manila.

Maitland and Hegenberger are in Washington preparing reports for the department on the Hawaiian flight, and are well informed in plans of the proposed trip to the Philippines. They pronounce it both practicable and feasible. The fliers pointed out that they had completed the longest leg of the proposed route to the Philippines, but that the greatest difficulty of the flight was from Hawaii on to Manila.

Lieutenant Hegenberger explained that direction finding would be increasingly difficult and would be like shooting at a pin-point. He said: "Our experience shows that pilots would need to use dead reckoning, as well as astronomical and radio navigation in order to keep their course. The plans for the Manila flight propose the establishment of radio beacons on all the islands along the route."

The type of aeroplane which carried the army aviators to Hawaii would have to be transformed into a seaplane in order to alight in the sea near the small island en route, Lieutenant Maitland said. With such equipment he believes that the flight is entirely feasible.

Vast Aeroplane Screen.

A vast screen of aeroplanes for the American fleet, even when battling far from American shores, is the end to which experts of the navy department are working. It was announced to-day by officials of the department.

When these plans are completed, every warship will carry "planes supplementing those based on a fleet of air craft carriers, which will be formed with the commissioning of the Lexington and the Saratoga."

With even the most conservative among the older naval officers realising that the first task in a future sea battle will be clearing the air of enemy planes, experts picture that a clash of major surface fleets would take place in somewhat the following way:—

With contact established with the enemy, plane after plane would arise from each American battleship, cruiser, destroyer and submarine, until several hundred air fighters would be searching for enemy planes. Augmenting these would be combat planes and bombers from the aircraft-carrying fleet numbering several hundred more. Then a battle between the opposing air forces would be staged over the sea area separating the two battle fleets.

Naval experts say that the air force winning a victory would in turn insure victory for its surface fleet, unless there was an overwhelming preponderance of numbers against it. — Associated Press.

Flight From Manila.

Washington, July 25.
Praising the proposed flight of Donato Halli, Filipino aviator, from Manila to the United States, Judge Simplicio del Rosario of Manila announced that he would support the movement in Manila to finance the flight.

He will start the subscription list with P600. Judge del Rosario expects to sail for Manila early in August. — Associated Press.

SAMOA CHIEFS.

WIDE POWERS FOR NEW ZEALAND.

Wellington, N. Z., July 28.
In spite of the protest of H. E. Holding, labour leader in the New Zealand House of Representatives, who characterised the Bill on Samoa as "a piece of legislation, the Bill passed its third reading by a vote of 47 to 12. It gives the New Zealand Government wide powers in dealing with persons in Samoa "who are hindering government functions and duties," in connection with the administration of its territory.

Samoa is held under a mandate of the league of nations. Native chiefs have been agitating against the New Zealand government. In 1921 some chiefs petitioned King George to transfer the mandate from New Zealand to Great Britain. — "Association Press."

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"LOST" IN AIR.

AVIATOR FOUND SOUND ASLEEP.

Zamboanga, July 26.
An army aeroplane, piloted by Lieutenant Norris and carrying Major Allen S. Fletcher, commanding officer of Pettit Barracks, was forced down in a thunder storm near Fiesha Point yesterday. The aeroplane had been accompanying another carrying Senator Hiram Bingham and piloted by Lieutenant Price.

As soon as Major Fletcher and Lieutenant Norris were reported missing, other aeroplanes and the tender of the Governor-General's yacht "Apo," started a search. They found the missing officers sleeping peacefully at the home of a saw-mill proprietor along the Cotabato River. The plane was undamaged.

Senator Bingham has been able to see a large part of Mindanao during his short stay here through co-operation of the aircraft squadron stationed at Pettit Barracks. The Senator also flew over Basilan and Sulu. They flew from Lanao up the Cotabato River, visiting Datu Piang and soaring over several large plantations, on the last trip.

Both planes encountered the thunderstorm as they were crossing the Moro Gulf when returning to Zamboanga. Lieutenant Price was successful in landing his plane safely but it was not until he had landed that the other plane was missed.

Senator Bingham said he was greatly impressed with the accomplishments made by American pioneers developing Mindanao under adverse conditions. He said that steps should be taken at once to hasten development as it is evident that great natural resources exist in this region.

MISHAP TO AIRMAN.

CAPT. VETCH CRASHES DURING EXHIBITION.

Calcutta, July 23.

Capt. Vetch, the first airman to land in the Eastern Himalayas, met with an unfortunate accident to-day.

In order to give a crowd of Tibetans and Assamese who had never previously seen an aeroplane a good view of his Moth machine in flight, Capt. Vetch flew as near to the ground as possible. When circling the race-course a few feet above the ground the machine became entangled in telegraph wires.

The plane fell nose downwards and was completely wrecked, but Captain Vetch escaped with minor injuries. One woman spectator was injured.

The same machine was flown by Capt. Broad, who won the King's Prize in England last year, and also by the Master of Sempill in a flight from Land's End to John O'Groats. (Special Cable to the "Strait Times")

LORD OLIVIER'S VIEW.

COMPLETE SELF-GOVERNMENT AND INDIA.

London, July 13.

In a speech at the Labour Summer School at Guildford, Lord Olivier expressed the opinion that it would not be reasonable or prudent, at present, to establish suddenly complete self-government in India.

"It is not within the range of practical politics to-day," he declared, "nor do Indian politicians themselves desire it."

"Decentralisation must be the next advance towards democratic government in India."

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Sept. 21	Seattle	Lerichian	Oct. 25	Cbrg-Shaptn
Sept. 27	San Francisco	Olympic	Oct. 29	Cbrg-Shaptn
Oct. 5	Seattle	Brenaria	Nov. 2	Cbrg-Shaptn
Oct. 11	San Francisco	Lerichian	Nov. 12	Cbrg-Shaptn
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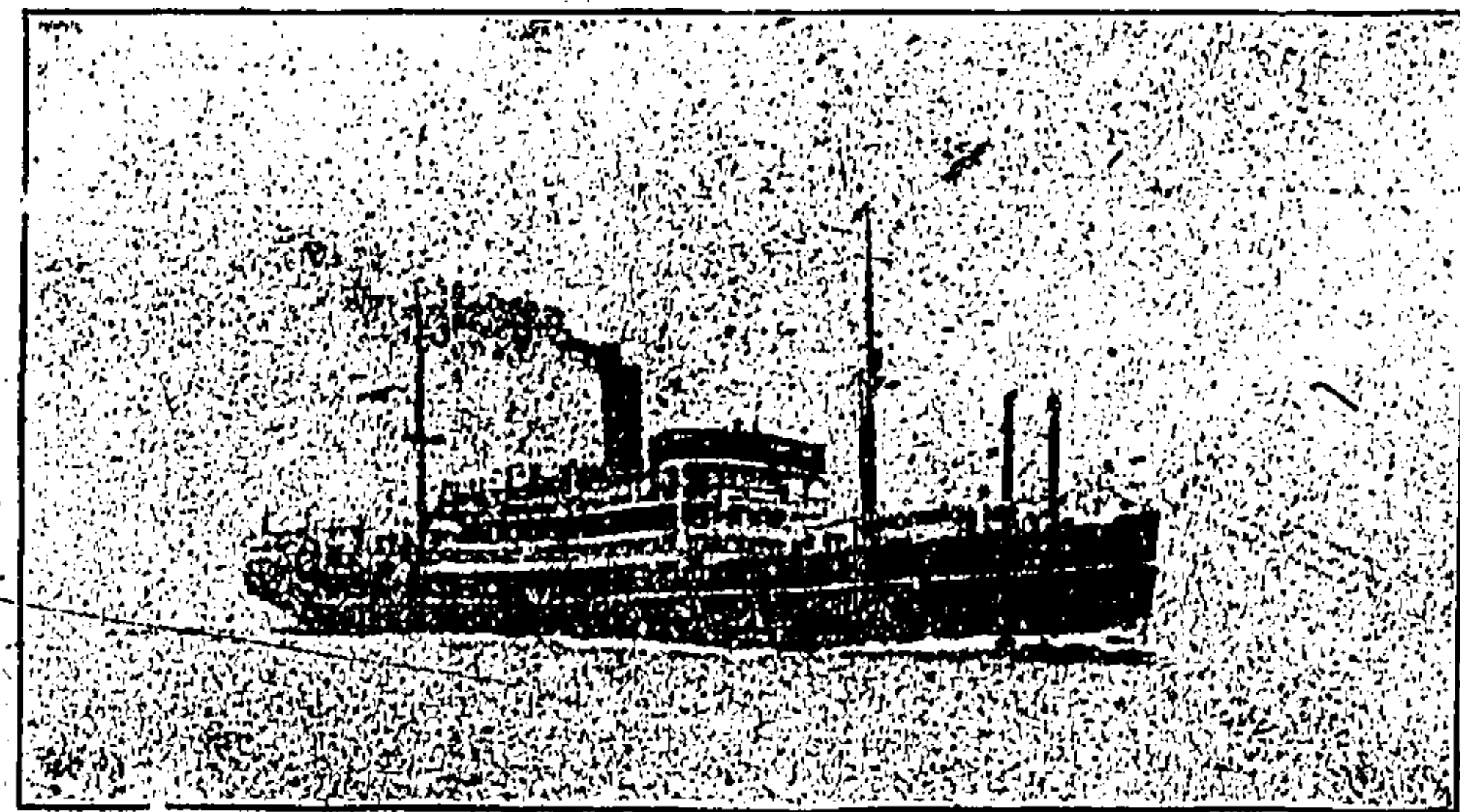
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MARRIAGES.

WORLOCK-TURNER.—On July
26, 1927, at H.B.M. Consulate,
and Holy Trinity Cathedral,
Shanghai, Mary Turner of
Shanghai, to Sergeant Stanley
Worlock of Karachi, India.ROBINSON-WEAVER.—On July
28, 1927, at Holy Trinity
Cathedral, Shanghai, Joseph
Maud, youngest daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Robin-
son, Burgess Hill, Sussex, to
Frederick William, youngest
son of the late Edwin James
Weaver and Mrs. Weaver,
Frome, Somerset.

DEATH.

REYNELL.—On July 23, 1927, at
Suma, near Kobe, Japan, in his
81st year, Harold Essex
Reynell.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, August 2, 1927.

NANKING'S TAXES.

What is well described as an
"orgy of taxation" is strongly de-
nounced by the "North China
Daily News," which appeals to the
Powers to take united action
before it is too late. It states
that when the Maritime Customs
is used as an instrument to en-
force the collection of surtaxes on
imports and exports, "increased
tonnage dues, and other super-
taxes we are entitled to enquire
what steps that Treaty Powers
are taking to stop these fiscal im-
positions and prevent a recur-
rence of such encroachments upon
the right of immunity from
Chinese taxation other than that
sanctioned by Treaty. It will find
foreign sentiment unanimous in
its view that it was never intend-
ed that any unrecognised faction-
al Government should be allowed
to usurp, with impunity, the func-tions of the Maritime Customs
for the enforcement of illegal
taxes upon the import and export
trade so long as it enjoys the pro-
tection of the Treaty Powers.It is no secret that the Nanking
Government is imposing these
illegal taxes with the sole object
of continuing the civil war against
the North. The precedent is a
dangerous one. It is futile to
make a mere protest. The exam-
ple is bound to be followed by
every other unrecognised faction-
al Government throughout the
country, both now and in the
future. Thus will Treaties go into
the melting pot, the foreign
Powers be treated with contume-
ly, and the whole fabric of foreign
trade shattered beyond repair.The Powers, in the interests of
their nationals, and in the inter-
ests of China itself, may regret
the continuance of the civil wars
that are now raging, but they are
powerless to mediate or intervene.
They are bound to observe a policy
of strict neutrality. But that
should not imply that they are
content to do nothing more than
protest when this, that, and the
other faction struggling for
supremacy usurp the functions of
the Treaty-protected Maritime
Customs to enforce payment of
illegal taxes. As the "North
China Daily News" very properly
points out, the policy of the
Powers has, so far, been very dis-
couraging. It has held out no
hope of a removal of the dis-
abilities under which trade is
now struggling for existence. It
is causing many to turn to the
contemplation of dangerous ex-
pedients with a view to saving
something from the wreck which
the policy of indecision fore-
shadows. These expedients range
from compromise to a complete re-
nunciation of those charters
under which trade and industry
have been built up and protected
in China.There is little wonder that the
General Chamber of Commerce in
Hong Kong expresses the view
that it cannot find a remedy for
the prevailing unsatisfactory
trade conditions until there is a
"settled China." And that there
can never be so long as any fac-
tional Government, unrecognised
by the Powers, is permitted
illegally to tax foreign trade out
of existence with the sole object
of raising funds wherewith to
continue the civil war.

How To Avoid Trouble.

Not in many directions would
one say there were points in com-
mon between an American cinema
star and a hard-bitten C.N.C. mate on the China coast. Yet, inone regard, they are in the same
boat. Both have been asked to
accept a reduction of ten per cent.
in their salary. The mate, to-
gether with his deck and engineer
comrades, as we know, has re-
fused, and is now on strike as a
protest against the Company's
declared intention to enforce the
cut. Not so, however, our film
favourites. Almost willingly, it
seems, have they agreed to the
receipt of a less bulky pay en-
velope. Why they have done so
will be evident from the following
facts. As much as \$500,000,000
is invested in the production, dis-
tribution and exhibition of mov-
ing pictures in the United States.
In recent years production costs
have risen and the film market
has become saturated. There is,
at present, no room for further
expansion, because both in
America and abroad the supply of
American cinema productions
more than meets the demand.
Moreover, the net profit on that
\$500,000,000 invested is not more
than two per cent. These points,
all capable of proof, have been put
by the film organisations before
their employees, from stars to
carpenters, and it has been added
that the only alternative is to re-
duce expenses. That is why the
actors and actresses and others
engaged in the industry have
agreed to a reduction in salary.
They have the full facts in front
of them and have taken the com-
monsense view that a reduction
is inevitable if the film trade is to
remain. Moreover, the directors
and other departmental heads of
the big concerns have led the way.
Mr. Adolph Zukor, president of
the Paramount Company, we are
told, has agreed to lower his an-
nual remuneration, and so has
Mr. Jesse Lasky, another Ameri-
can cinema magnate. By such a
course of action have the leaders
in the industry taken the "kick"
out of any complaints of hardship
which might have arisen from the
ranks of the employees had not a
frank statement of the industry's
position been put before them.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHINESE BATHING CLUB.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—I have been a member of
the above Club for several years.
So far as my knowledge goes
there have been no general
meetings, annual or otherwise.
There have been no elections of
office-bearers, annual or other-
wise. There have been no pub-
lication, adoption, and pass-
ing of accounts and reports,
annual or otherwise. From these,
I am led to doubt that the Club
is not run on constitutional lines.
I understand that if there were
no general meetings, then the
affairs of the Club must be en-
tirely and absolutely in the hands
of the few "autocrats." If there
were no elections of officers, then
these officers must be heredi-
tary or else self-elected. If there
were no accounts and reports
published, adopted, passed,
then the financial affairs must be
solely conducted by the so-called
Committee without the knowledge
and approval of all the members.
If a club is managed thus, then
beyond any possible shadow of
doubt it is nothing but a private
enterprise. Such being the case,
it will be far more appropriate
to name it as "Mr. So-and-so and
Coy's Private Beach," than the
name as it at present stands.Should my doubts prove
groundless I would be much
obliged if the interested in gen-
eral and the Committee in
particular would have the good-
ness to enlighten me on the
subject.

Yours, etc.,

"CONCERNED."

Hong Kong, August 1.

SHORTS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—I most thoroughly en-
dorse what you said in your
editorial article of July 29 about
"shorts and snobs." It is time
we had some plain speaking on
this subject, though from my own
observations all the short-
less ones are not snobs while some
of those who wear them are dis-
tinctly snobs. Just to show the
popularity of this form of net-
wear, and also how sensible they
are under certain conditions, I
would call your attention to a
paragraph I have just seen in a
Home newspaper which tells of a
real, live Bishop who wears
shorts. This is the Rt. Rev. R. G.
Shedden, Bishop of Nassau, in the
Bahamas, who is now in London
to preside over the Anglo-Catholic
Conference. This worthy cleric,
we are told, spends most of his
working days in shorts, a shirt,
and without shoes and stockings,
his parishioners involving a lot of
sailing.This sounds good to me. No
apron and garters and funny hat

REGULAR "FENCE."

ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF
HERBS.

CHINESE CONVICTED.

A Chinese detective yesterday
found a Chinese in Queen's Road
West carrying a large grass bag
on his back. The bag contained
Chinese medicine. As the man
was unable to explain satisfac-
torily as to how he came to be in
possession of the herbs, he was
taken to No. 7 Police Station.
When they arrived at the station
the prisoner's wife and mother
were waiting for him there. Ac-
cused was alleged to have said to
his wife: "Go home and remove
those things at once." This led
the police to be suspicious and
the detective made the accused
take him to his home. There a
large quantity of herbs was
found.The accused, who claimed that
he was a travelling trader, said
that he had bought the medicine
from various Chinese medicine
shops to take to Canton. En-
quiries were made at these shops,
and they all denied knowledge of
the accused with the exception of
one shop, where the police were
informed the accused had bought
two cattie of medicine about
four months ago. In a subse-
quent statement made to the
police when he was charged with
unlawful possession, the accused
said that he had bought the major
part of the herbs found in his
possession from small boys and
coolies.When the accused was charged
before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the
Central Magistracy this morning,
he tried to go back on his pre-
vious statement by saying that he
had bought a small portion of his
stock from the small boys and
coolies, and that these represent-
ed sweepings from ships.The Magistrate convicted, and
in finding the accused \$50 or four
weeks' jail, said that he had no
doubt that accused was a regular
"fence."

TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

DISPUTE BETWEEN TWO
INDIANS.The Indian driver of motor car
No. 575, owned by Mrs. Matheson,
was this morning summoned be-
fore Major Willson for disobeying
traffic signals on July 20.An Indian traffic constable said
he was on duty at the junction of
Stubbs and Morrison Hill Roads
at 4.30 p.m., on July 20 when the
defendant who was going in an
easterly direction in Morrison
Hill Road, signalled his intention
to turn into Stubbs Road. As
there was a car coming down
Stubbs Road at the time the wit-
ness turned his signal against the
defendant, but the latter came on
in spite of this. When the wit-
ness called out to the defendant in
Hindustani "Look at the light,"
the latter replied, "It was in fa-
vour of me." The gentleman who
was in the other car (No. 1705),
telephoned to No. 2 Police Station
and made a report against the
defendant, and at the same time
told the witness to summons him.The defendant said that the
light was in his favour when he
turned into Stubbs Road. It was
afterwards turned against him,
and he then stopped immediately.
The case was adjourned until
11.30 on Tuesday next.

CIGARETTE "RUNNERS."

Two Chinese were this morning
sentenced by Major Willson to
three months' jail each for the un-
lawful possession of 5,000 duti-
able cigarettes. They were ar-
rested on the Praya yesterday.
The cigarettes were concealed in
some reams of brown paper which
the accused were carrying. The
accused's "dodge" was an ingenu-
ous one, as the centre of the paper
with the exception of a few sheets
on the top and bottom, had been
cut away, forming a compart-
ment in which the cigarettes were
hidden.

SPEEDING ON THE PRAYA.

Sub-Inspector Mason sum-
moned the driver of public motor car
No. 428 for speeding on the
Praya at 8 p.m., on July 21.The defendant pleaded "guilty."
The Inspector said that he fol-
lowed the defendant from the Star
Ferry wharf to Wanchai, and the
latter travelled all that way at 30
miles per hour.

A fine of \$20 was imposed.

Does this Bishop want when out
calling. Just shorts and a shirt.
I imagine that this reverend
gentleman is a real man's man.

Yours, etc.,

KNEECAPS.

WORLD RUBBER.

Shortage Within Three
Years.

MANUFACTURER'S VIEWS.

New York, Yesterday.
A world shortage of rubber
within the next three years is fore-
cast by Mr. William O'Neill, Pre-
sident of the General Tyre and
Rubber Company who is leaving
for Britain to study the crude rub-
ber situation.An increase in demand of 15 per
cent. above the 1926 consumption
has convinced all manufacturers of
the coming shortage. The only
doubt is when the shortage is like-
ly to occur. It is stated that mea-
sures to increase production will
not be effective until eight years
hence.—Reuter's American Service.
Edison Experiments.Washington, July 27.
Mr. Thomas A. Edison called at
the Departments of Commerce and
Agriculture and enlisted official as-
sistance for his experiments in
growing rubber in Florida and Cali-
fornia.He conferred with Mr. E. G. Holl,
chief of the rubber division of the
Department of Commerce and in-
formed him that preliminary tests
had proved beyond question that
certain sections of the United
States possess the soil and climate
required for the successful cultiva-
tion of rubber trees.The inventor has already enlisted
the support of leading rubber manu-
facturers including Firestone. If
the government gives its active as-
sistance, certain large tracts of
land may be turned over to Mr.
Edison for further experiments.—
"United Press."

HENRY FORD.

APOLOGISES FOR ANTI-JEWISH
ATTACKS.New York, July 28.
Herman Bernstein's \$200,000
libel suit against Henry Ford and
the Dearborn Publishing company,
owned by Ford, ended officially to-
day with the filing of a notice of
discontinuance in the Federal
Court.The amount of the money settle-
ment made out of court was not
named. In his letter of retraction
to Bernstein apologising for his
anti-Jewish attacks, Henry Ford
agreed to reimburse Bernstein for
expenses incurred incident to the
suit, which was filed August 19,
1925.Bernstein is a playwright.—
"Associated Press."

LADY LAUDER.

FAMOUS COMEDIAN'S WIFE
PASSES AWAY.Rugby, Yesterday.
Lady Lauder, wife of the come-
dian, Sir Harry Lauder, died yester-
day.—British Wireless Service.

U.S. ABROAD.

TRADE COMMISSIONER IN
NEW ZEALAND.Wellington, yesterday.
The first United States trade
commissioner to New Zealand has
arrived.—Reuter.

RAIN, THEN FINE.

"South west or variable winds,
moderate to light; overcast, with
rain at first, fine later" is the
official weather forecast until
noon to-morrow.A feeble anticyclone is central
between the Bonins and Tokyo.
The depression over N.E. China
has filled up. That over S.W.
China is unchanged.There are indications of a
typhoon to the east of the Bashi
Channel. Its direction of motion
is uncertain.A sub-contractor to Sang Lee's
has reported to the police that
yesterday he entrusted to a
foreman \$300 to pay some work-
men. The foreman is said to
have absconded with the money.Early yesterday morning a
chief entered the third floor of
No. 9, Wai-ching Street occupied
by Mrs. Ermina Benarba and
stole jewellery and clothing worth
\$313. He entered the flat by
forcing open the staircase door.A shopkeeper of No. 276, Des
Voeux Road West reported to the
police that he entrusted 40 crates
of chickens to a travelling trader
on July 28 to deliver to some
customers in Macao. He has
since received information that
the fowl were not delivered, and
the travelling trader cannot now
be found. The chickens were
worth \$470.WILL RELIEVE MOTHER'S
FEARS.A panic of fear seizes mother when
gudden and severe cramps, agonising
intestinal pains and weakening diar-
rhoea prostrate some one of the
family. Keep Chamberlain's Colic
and Diarrhoea Remedy in the home
and such emergencies need cause
no other fear or alarm. It cures pain
almost instantly. Sold everywhere.

CHINA NEWS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Hunan Troops Moving.

Shanghai.
The Hunan troops under General Ho Yao-tsu and General Yeh Kai-shin have received orders to go up the river.
General Ho and General Yeh are the old political antagonists of General Tang Hsien-chih. They fought under the Northern banner in Hunan last year but joined General Chiang Kai-shek this spring against the repeated protest of the Hunan Government. As a matter of fact, their retention in the Nationalist Army is one of the principal obstacles to a reconciliation between General Tang and General Chiang.

Warships in Action.

A member of the crew of the N.K.K. steamer "Nanyang Maru" which arrived in Shanghai from Hankow, stated that the Changun and another warship belonging to the Nanking party were seen firing at the Yangtze river, between Kiang and Anking, when the "Nanyang Maru" passed at about 3 p.m. on the 20th. The N.K.K. steamer halted a while, but as the Chinese men-of-war ceased shelling the vessel passed safely.
The "Nanyang Maru" is responsible for the defection against Marshal Sun.

Communists in Tientsin.

Major General Charles Ting, Chief of the Tientsin native-city police, reports the arrest of seven important Kuomintang members, some of whom were ex-employees of the Chinese post office, in the Russian concession, because they are engaged in an attempt to create anti-government disturbances in Tientsin. According to the police, the secret office of the agitators has been located in the French concession.

Discord in Waichiao.

Peking, July 16.
Rumours of resignation of the Minister of Foreign Affairs is due solely to discord between the Minister and his subordinate, states the vernacular Press. With none of the colleagues being able to bring them into harmonious relations, Chang Tso-jin has sent for the "ex-convict" brother of Wang, General Yang Yung-tung, who will patch up the breach. It is learned that Wang promised "brother" Yang to resume office on condition that Chao Chin-pu be made Vice-Minister and make arrangements to have Wu Chin work in some other capacity.

Troops in Hankow.

Hankow.
Troops of the thirty-fifth army continue to arrive in regiments at this centre, and are mostly camped at Liukiamoo. Martial law still prevails at night time in the native city, but the populace are not apparently finding it so irksome as it has been heretofore, possibly because they feel that the present is a time of transition at the conclusion of which a good many of the ills they have suffered from may be removed.

Unions Under Control.

Chief of these ills has been the activity of the unions which have grown to such an extent under the Soviet regime that they are numbered by the hundreds, and their arrogant assumption of power has undoubtedly been the cause of a tremendous loss of trade to this centre.
Monday most of the union premises were closed down entirely, and all unions with pretensions to size were occupied by soldiers of the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth armies.

The B.A.T. were able to deliver cargo to their customers unmolested and altogether the outlook in this centre had acquired a brighter aspect than it has borne for many months.—"C. C. Post."

Joins Nationalists.

Shanghai, July 28.
General Kio Eng Chiah, former Commander of the 60th Division, Wu Pei-fu's Tenth Division, who later joined Marshal Tse-tung's army, has sworn allegiance to the Nationalist government. He has been ordered to proceed to the south-western part of Shanghai province.—National News Service.

The Silver Embargo.

Shanghai, July 29.
The Chinese press says that the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs has addressed a note to the Senior Consul in connection with the embargo on silver. Mr. Quo Tai-chi says that he has received a telegram from the Nationalist Ministry of Finance in Nanking saying that the embargo on silver is aimed at preventing supplies falling into the hands of the Communist government at Wuhan and the northern militarists. Silver may, however, be sent to places within the jurisdiction of the Nanking Government and that the Commissioner of Customs has been notified accordingly.

Recently, however, the Ministry has learned that foreign banks have been moving silver out of Shanghai on board gunboats and, as soon as these get outside of Woosung, they transfer their consignments to merchantmen, which shows that they aim at breaking the embargo. This is most unfortunate, because foreign merchants do not understand the aims of the Nationalists. The Commissioner is requested to take the matter up with the foreigners concerned and to explain to them the situation and the Nationalists' true policy so that they can understand and avoid inconveniences. If the foreign merchants desire to export silver for legal purposes

CONVICTS ESCAPE.

PASSAGE CUT THROUGH FLOOR.

BLOODHOUNDS ON TRACK.

Houston (Texas), yesterday.
Nineteen convicts escaped from the State prison farm by means of a passage cut through the floor of the barracks, the early discovery of which prevented the escape of 60 others. Police with bloodhounds are searching for the escaped men.—Reuter.

P. I. ISSUE.

DIES IN AMERICAN CONGRESS.

Washington, July 28.
A prediction that no legislation for Philippine independence would even be reported out of committee in the next session of congress was made to-day by Senator Frank B. Willis, chairman of the senate committee on territories and insular possessions.

Senator Willis said he thought it likely that congress would enact a law placing the Philippines and other insular possessions under a newly created bureau in the department of the interior. The senator said he would introduce legislation authorising the new bureau, and carrying out the recommendations of Colonel Carmi A. Thompson and President Coolidge.

The bill will be similar to that introduced in the last session of congress which would have created an independent establishment in the executive branch of the Washington government.

The governor general under the proposed plan would be appointed by the President, but would be a civilian instead of a soldier, as at present. Senator Willis said that "the chief objection to the present administration in the islands is that it is militaristic. I am opposed to independence for the islands. It would be most injurious to the Filipinos and would lead to serious complications."—Associated Press.

FATE UNDECIDED.

SACCO AND VANZETTI TO KNOW THIS WEEK.

Boston, July 28.
The fate of Sacco and Vanzetti is sealed but will not be disclosed until early next week.

Governor Alva T. Tufts Fuller's special advisory commission, which he named to investigate the trial of the Italian radicals, have completed its report. An effort will be made to have the report delivered immediately because, under the law, Sacco and Vanzetti must be moved to the death house of the state prison on Monday.

Governor Fuller may intervene once more and extend the time for the execution. The findings of the commission are not known and only contradictory reports are possible to be obtained.

The prisoners are continuing a "semi-hunger strike" and their physical condition is not dangerous.—United Press.

they can apply to the Ministry of Finance for a permit which will be granted.

Holding Up Ships.

Shanghai, July 28.
The holding-up by the Chinese Navy of foreign shipping entering the port appears still to be carried on to a limited extent, the latest vessel to be affected being the Java-China-Japanese Line s.s. "Tjikini" which, after leaving Woosung at 7 a.m. yesterday, came to Shanghai, was turned back by a Chinese destroyer after she had entered the Huangpu and held at Woosung till about noon while some 100 Chinese passengers from Amoy were examined and searched after examination the "Tjikini" was free from Naval restraint and permitted to leave for Shanghai, where she arrived without further incident yesterday afternoon.

The Hamburg-America Line s.s. "Muensterland" which had been held at Woosung since Wednesday morning, was permitted to come to Shanghai on Saturday afternoon after she had thoroughly been searched. The "Ruhr" of the same line, arrived at the Bell Buoy early last week and it is understood that she is still anchored there. The reason she has not attempted to come to Shanghai is not known, but it is presumed that she is staying at the Bell Buoy till the situation regarding the liability of German vessels to be held up without warning by the Chinese Naval authorities has definitely been cleared up.

Vessels Released.

The "Bertram Rickmers" of the Rickmers Line, which was taken from Mackenzie & Co.'s wharf to Lunghua last Friday, is still lying off the Arsenal, though it is understood that she is no longer under Chinese Naval control. The "Deike Rickmers," which was held at Woosung under circumstances similar to those attendant upon the "Muensterland," has also been released. In all cases the vessels held up have thoroughly been searched.
It is stated that the instructions of the local Chinese authorities to the effect that clearance papers shall not be issued to any German vessel still held good, and that there is no likelihood of any German ship being allowed to leave for any port before July 28.

MINES EXPLODE.

JAPANESE NAVAL CASUALTIES.

20 KILLED AND INJURED.

Tokyo, yesterday.
A fatal explosion occurred during the naval manoeuvres off Kyushu this morning. The Naval Office report is meagre, but the "Asahi" special correspondent at Kyushu states that three mines exploded on the middle deck of H.J.M.S. "Tokiwaka" and that 20 officers and men were killed and injured.

Fire broke out, and was extinguished by sailors from neighbouring warships. The "Tokiwaka" was severely damaged, and will be docked immediately.—Reuter.

SIR H. JOHNSTON.

WELL-KNOWN EXPLORER DEAD.

London, yesterday.
The death is announced in London of Sir Harry Johnston.

[Sir Harry (Hamilton) Johnston, K.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.Sc. of Cambridge University, J.P., War Medal, 1914-18, Gold Medalist Zoological, Geographical Societies, was born in London in 1858. He was an explorer and traveller (mainly in Africa) of world-wide repute, and one whose work had been favourably recognised by most of the learned bodies of Europe and America. Sir Harry was also author of a large number of publications on all sorts of subjects from Blue Books about Africa, books on his travels, on "The Negro," "The Nile" and even of novels, light essays and phonetic spelling. At one time, Sir Harry acted as British Consul of the Regency of Tunis, while, on another, he was Special Commissioner, Commander-in-Chief and Consul-General for Uganda Protectorate.]

A NEW BISHOP.

EX-MISSIONARY FOR SINGAPORE.

London, yesterday.
The Archbishop of Canterbury has nominated the Rev. Basil Coleby Roberts, ex-missionary in the Malay States, to be Bishop of Singapore, in succession to Dr. Ferguson Davis.—Reuter.

SUGAR FIGHT.

CUBA'S OPPOSITION TO THE PHILIPPINES.

Havana, July 27.
The Cuban Foreign Office issued strongly worded statement to-day challenging the right of the United States to admit 300,000 tons of Philippine sugar into the country during 1927 without the payment of duty.
The statement said that the total amount of sugar already imported from the Philippines into the United States had exceeded 200,000 tons since January 1, 1927. It was estimated, at the present rate of increase, the total for the year would go above 300,000 tons, about 100,000 tons more than the previous year.

Cuba charges that it is a direct violation of the reciprocity treaty between herself and the United States and demands that action be taken immediately toward the establishment of a tariff on Philippine sugar.

Simultaneously with the government's protest, Havana newspapers launched a bitter editorial attack on the American sugar tariff policy, declaring that the admission of free sugar from a point like the Philippines where production was constantly increasing, was detrimental to Cuba's market.—United Press.

GENERAL WOOD.

DATE OF RETURN TO PHILIPPINES.

New York, July 27.
Governor-General Wood is considering the advisability of postponing the date on which he hopes to return to the Philippines. He is becoming actively interested in the campaign for raising \$2,000,000 to be used in the fight on leprosy.

The month now mentioned for the return trip is October. General Wood's appeal through the newspapers last week is being followed this week by 150,000 letters signed by General Harbor, chairman of the committee and General Wood.

General Wood has indicated to General Harbor that he is willing to remain and assist directly in the work if that would hasten it to a successful end.—United Press.

CHEUNGCHAU NOTES.

OLD FRIENDS LEAVING THE ISLAND.

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Cheungchau, yesterday.
We have had to bid farewell to several old friends, the Rev. and Mrs. Wilkinson and family sailing for New Zealand, last Friday. The Rev. and Mrs. McKee, are to meet their children, from Chefoo, and all go on to Canada. Dr. and Mrs. McDonald and Rev. and Mrs. McKay left for Kongmoon to-day, and others for Lantau. On the other hand we welcome Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner and a guest to No. 4. Dr. and Mrs. Hofmann, Rev. and Mrs. Phillips, Rev. and Mrs. Stevens are due in a few days.

The annual meeting of the C.C.R.A. was held to-day, in the assembly hall, during a heavy downpour of rain. There was rather a small attendance, the chief business being the election of officers and committee members. Hardly any members of the old committee are now in residence on the island. Mr. L. M. Whyte was elected as President, Dr. J. Kirk as 1st Vice-President and the Rev. A. G. Lindquist, Mr. A. C. Franklin was appointed as Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Kastmann would have been appointed, but is leaving the island shortly. Arrangements were made for the annual sports to be held on August 20, the Committee being the Rev. C. J. Lowe, Miss Baird, Mr. L. M. Whyte and Mrs. Bond. A concert will probably be held later.

A finance committee was also elected, and the medical committee, will be formed of any doctors who may come to the island. Mention was made of the absence of Dr. Cliff, the former secretary and treasurer. Attention was drawn to the fact that Hong Kong papers, in referring to the recently formed Repulse Bay Residents' Association that it made four such bodies leaving out the Pioneer Association of Cheungchau. The matter of an incinerator and special motor launch was also brought up.

FOR THE SERVICES.

ANOTHER GOOD WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

Y.M.C.A. CONCERTS, ETC.

The following entertainment programme has been arranged for the week by the naval and military Y.M.C.A. Committee:—

Tuesday:—Concert at the "Cheer 'O" (7.30 p.m.); Concert at the Rope Factory (7.15 p.m.) by Miss Capell's "J-Pans"; (7 p.m.) Drive at the "Better 'Ole" (7 p.m.).
Wednesday:—Waltz Drive at the "Cheer 'O" (7.30 p.m.); Concert at the "Better 'Ole" (7 p.m.).
Thursday:—Informal Dance at the "Cheer 'O" (7 p.m.); Concert at the "Better 'Ole" (7 p.m.).
Friday:—Concert at the "Cheer 'O" (7 p.m.); Concert at the Shamshuipo Camp (7 p.m.) by Miss Capell's "J-Pans".
Saturday, launch picnic (leaving Queen's pier, Hong Kong, at 2.15 p.m. and Police Pier, Kowloon, at 2.30 p.m.), tickets 50 cents, including tea.

DOCTOR'S KIDNAPPER.

CHINESE ARRESTED ON GRAVE CHARGE.

STORY OF OUTRAGE.

Over five months ago Dr. Chan Lai-chun of Aberdeen was kidnapped, and after suffering a lot of hardships in the company of his captors in Chinese territory, secured his release by paying a ransom of \$1,200 and two bags of Macao opium. He is now back in the Colony, and as the result of his identification a man named Leung Bing has been arrested as the doctor's kidnapper.

He was charged before Major Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday, and on the application of Sub-Inspector Carey was formally remanded for a week.

Dr. Chan, who lives in Apichau was kidnapped on November 19 last year. It appears that he was lured to a junk in the Aberdeen harbour on the pretext of attending a sick person on board. He was accompanied to the junk by the man Leung Bing. When they got on board, Leung Bing was alleged to have produced a revolver and threatened the doctor with it. Dr. Chan was forthwith made a prisoner on board the junk which soon sailed away. They went to a Chinese village on the coast where Dr. Chan was kept a prisoner until March this year. In the meantime he communicated with his relatives who raised the money necessary for his release. When released, Dr. Chan was sent to Macao, whence he came to Hong Kong by boat. As the result of information given to the police on Friday, Leung Bing was arrested on board a Macao boat, and subsequently identified by Dr. Chan as his kidnapper. The case is one which has raised much interest amongst the Chinese at Aberdeen, where Dr. Chan is well-known as a medical practitioner.

CINEMA NOTES.

"THE MERRY WIDOW" AT THE QUEEN'S.

REVIVAL NIGHTS.

Allotted first place by Hong Kong cinema-goers in the polling for revival nights at the Queen's Theatre, "The Merry Widow" will be screened to-day and to-morrow in the Colony's principal cinema.

"The Merry Widow" is an impressive picture for a number of reasons, the chief of these being the brilliant character studies, the splendid settings, and the skilful filming.

The title role is filled by Mae Murray, and very beautiful and accomplished she is, first as Sally O'Hara the dancer, and then as the fabulously wealthy baroness who holds all Paris captive.

John Gilbert makes a handsome, dashing Prince Danilo, and Roy D'Arcy, a new "discovery" of Erich Von Stroheim, who made the picture, is excellent as that choice villain, the Crown Prince Mirko.

The settings seem to improve as the film proceeds, and the coronation scene, presented in all its glowing colours, makes a truly magnificent climax.

"The Merry Widow," with music from the light opera, including the famous waltz for a wonderful dance by Mae Murray and John Gilbert, fully deserves the compliment of being selected for the first of the revival nights at the Queen's.

PRISON SCENES.

An Exciting Film at the World.

Said to be one of the most dramatic stories of life in a great city ever screened, "The People vs. Nancy Preston," which is showing at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow, is a picture of thrills, mystery and suspense. The plot is woven round the lives of a man, woman and lad who are "framed" by members of a private detective agency and almost prevented from leading honest lives owing to the bounding they receive. Crimes of which they are innocent are fastened on them with the result that they find themselves fugitives from the law. The scenes are mostly laid in Sing Sing prison, the haunts of crooks and in a peaceful little village where the fugitives seek refuge. Miss Marguerite de la Motte appears as the woman with a past, and Mr. John Bowers plays the part of the convict who makes up his mind to reform. With Frankie Darro, one of the best juvenile players of the screen, as the son, they pass through many adventures, all of which are exciting and some of which are sensational.

POLA NEGRI.

New Role in Film at the Star.

After a successful run at the World Theatre, the Paramount success, "A Woman of the World," has gone to Kowloon, where it is showing to-day and to-morrow in the Star Theatre. This picture, besides offering an excellent story, is notable for the fact that it reveals Pola Negri, the great emotional actress, in a new role, namely that of a comedienne, for which it must be said, she has a distinct gift. The part she plays is that of a countess, disappointed in love, who goes to America to forget. She chooses a typical small town in the Middle West as her place of exile, but she has not been there very long, before she becomes the central figure in a series of incidents some of them distinctly comical and others highly dramatic. The fact that Pola Negri, who in her bewitching best, wears some of her most exquisite gowns, gives an added piquancy to a picture of wide general appeal.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

A London Revue Star to Sing.

Hong Kong theatre-goers are promised an added attraction at the Queen's Theatre toward the end of this week when a touch of variety will be given to the picture programme by the appearance of Miss Daphne Leigh, late revue star in Fred Coyne's London Revue and Walter Johnson's American Revue. Miss Leigh will sing in the Queen's Theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, giving three items at each performance, namely "Just Because It's You," "When You and I were Seventeen," and "Bye Bye Blackbird." Having been understudy to Miss Ada Reeve, the famous musical comedy star, Miss Leigh will be permitted with interest and pleasure. The feature attraction in the picture programme at the Queen's Theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be Buster Keaton's latest comedy, "Battling Butler."



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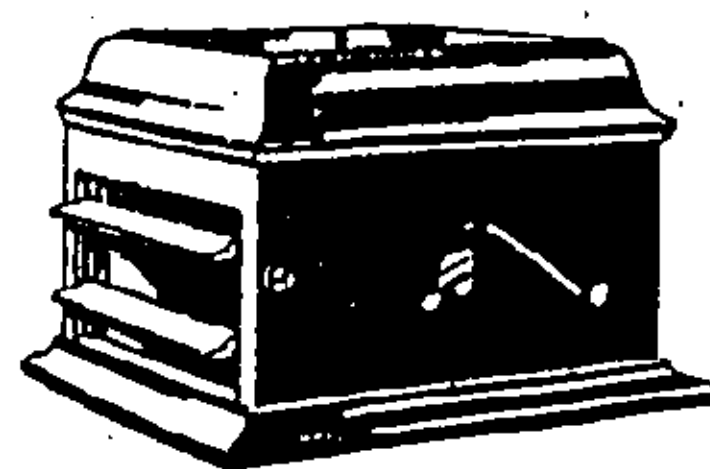
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

A large gathering assembled at the Parochial House, Pulo Tikas, on the occasion of the patronal feast of the Rev. Father Renard of the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Eight Chinese men and one woman were arrested on Saturday morning when the police raided a house in Shui Cheong Lane, West Point, and seized a large quantity of seditious documents relating to unlawful societies.

Giving evidence before the Royal Film Commission, a motion picture exhibitor expressed the opinion that Australian audiences were hungry for British pictures, and he could show up to 50 per cent. of British pictures on his programmes.

The opal, which, as a birth stone, represents the month of October, has, in Great Britain, been removed from the recognized list of birth stones, and both official and trade steps have been taken in Queensland to obtain its restoration.

The South Australian Returned Soldiers' Conference suggests that in cinema and other theatres the National Anthem should be played before instead of after the performance. It is held that the necessity for catching trains and other conveyances causes the anthem to be treated uncereemoniously. The Adelaide theatre managers propose to confer on the subject.

A Leicestershire farmer, Mr. E. Mellor, of Billiesdon, recently bought a shillings-worth of eggs which had been imported from Egypt, and placed them in an incubator. When hatching-time arrived, instead of getting a brood of chickens, he found four little crocodiles. The remaining eggs were unfertile. Such an incident has happened before in Great Britain. It was mentioned in a Parliamentary debate a year or two ago. Even if the young crocodiles survived it would be some years before they would be dangerous.

A Bill to repeal and re-enact with amendments the law relating to the registration of schools and of their supervisors and teachers is to be introduced in the Malay Federal Council. The principal difference from the existing law is that power is given to refuse registration, not only on sanitary grounds, but also if it appears to the Director of Education that the school is likely to be used for the purposes of political propaganda detrimental to the interests of the Federated Malay States or the public, for instruction detrimental to the interests of the pupils, or as the meeting place of an unlawful society. The applicant has the right of appeal to the Chief Secretary.

There were two cases of enteric fever, both Chinese, reported yesterday.

A tiger measuring 7 ft. 7 in. from tip to tail was shot by a Malay named Hassabin Tambi at Ulu Piah.

The silver medal at the Malayan Camera Club Exhibition, Kuala Lumpur, awarded on the votes of the visitors went to No. 76. A Flash of Lightning, by T. Noma, of Singapore.

As the result of a fall in attempting to alight from a moving tramcar in Des Voeux Road Central yesterday, a Chinese injured his head. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital in an unconscious condition and died shortly after admittance.

At the second annual general meeting of Burma-Malay Tin, Ltd., held in Kuala Lumpur, Mr. E. N. Mulligan (Chairman) said that during the year ended March 31, they had been successful in floating Kudu Tin Refining, Ltd., and would have ample funds to carry them through the vigorous prospecting campaign in view.

Further details are given in our advertisement columns to-day of the cheery little revues to be given in the Star Theatre by the new Our Cabaret company of ten London artists which Mr. Charles Chamier has brought to Hong Kong. The first of these revues is "Cocktails," which will be given on Saturday and Sunday, August 6 and 7. This will be followed by "Snappy" on Monday and Tuesday, August 8 and 9; "Our Cabaret" on Wednesday and Thursday, August 10 and 11; and "Tally Ho," on Friday and Saturday, August 12 and 13. Booking for all these nights is now open at Messrs. Moutrie & Co. and the Star Theatre at the popular prices of \$3, \$2 and \$1.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. J. Crabb-Watt has been appointed D.P.F., Penang, with effect from July 25.

The Rev. Keppel Garnier has gone to Fraser's Hill with Mrs. Garnier for a short holiday.

Second-Lieut. H. S. Chapman has been appointed Acting Captain whilst in command of the Machine Gun Platoon, S.V.C.

A Havas cable states that M. Wilden, French Minister Plenipotentiary in Bangkok, has been appointed to Teheran.

The Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal has been awarded to Sergeant H. K. C. Tobutt, M.S.V.R., and Lieut. C. L. Chapman, M.V.I.

The Hon. Dr. R. O. Winstedt, Director of Education, who has been visiting Kuala Lumpur, staying with the Chief Secretary and Mrs. Peel, has returned to Singapore.

Major W. G. St. Clair is a member of the Committee appointed to work out a plan and propose a site for a New City Hall for Colombo. It is proposed the City Hall should combine a theatre which would also be used as a public hall and concert room.

On Wednesday evening, at the Colonial Restaurant, the Junior European staff of Messrs. John Little and Co., Kuala Lumpur, entertained Mr. H. Burnard to a farewell dinner. Mr. Burnard is proceeding Home upon the termination of his agreement.

H.H. the Sultan of Kedah had a narrow escape a few days ago. He was riding in his carriage and nearing his residence when the horses shied into a drain. The occupants of the carriage were also thrown down the drain and a waterfall. Dr. Gomez, a passer-by, assisted the Sultan out of the drain. His Highness was unhurt except for a shaking.

A Penang correspondent wires that Mr. G. A. Hereford, District Judge and Superintendent of Prisons, was met for the staffs of the District Police Courts prior to his retirement. The chief clerk on behalf of the staff expressed regret at Mr. Hereford's departure after 31 years of meritorious service. Mr. Hereford was presented and received a framed photograph of the entire court staffs and a studio photo of himself. Mr. Hereford briefly replied.

H.E. the G. O. C. Malaya, Major-General C. G. Van Straubenzee, C.B., C.M.G., accompanied by Mrs. Van Straubenzee, visited Port Dickson last week. After witnessing the Volunteers at work in the camp, General Straubenzee dined with Lieut-Colonel W. R. Meredith, D.S.O., Commandant, M.S.V.R., and the Volunteers, 12 members being present, which is a record for the mess. On Thursday His Excellency again visited the School of Instruction, and returned to Singapore on Friday morning.

The Special Commission to be sent to Ceylon to draw up a new Constitution will consist of the Earl of Donoughmore, Sir Geoffrey Butler, M.P., and Doctor Drummond Shiels, M.P.

The grave, in the Protestant cemetery at Bangkok, of the German Charge d'Affaires, who was buried in 1925, has been desecrated and the bronze cover stolen. There is much indignation at this outrage amongst the German community.

Pillion riding on bicycles is on the increase in Kuala Lumpur, says the "Malay Mail." It is high time that police activity in the suppression of this illegal and exceedingly dangerous practice should again become evident. Several fatalities have been caused by it during the past two years and with the increasing volume of motor traffic such incidents are bound to be of greater frequency unless a firm policy is adopted immediately.

Yesterday was the anniversary of the battle of Minden (1756), in which the King's Own Scottish Borderers, took part and in celebration of which the Regiment is entitled to wear roses. The battle took place during the Seven Years' War when Britain sided with Prussia against the formidable alliance of Austria, France, Russia, Sweden and Saxony, which had been formed to destroy the power of Frederick the Great. The British troops led the attack upon the masses of French cavalry and although outnumbered the combined British and Prussian forces won a brilliant victory. Arising out of the war, Britain and France carried out operations against each other in the colonies and it was as a result of the successful outcome of these that the French dominion in Canada and their influence in India was replaced by the administration of the British, due to the victories of Clive, Amherst and Wolfe.

Captain P. N. Knight, Singapore S.V.F. has been transferred to the Reserve of Officers.

Second-Lieut. R. L. Cusenden, Singapore S.V.F. is promoted to the rank of Lieutenant with effect from July 1.

Mr. Boden Kloss, Director of Museums, Straits Settlements and F.M.S., is paying a short visit to British North Borneo.

The Hon. Mr. E. C. H. Wolff, acting Colonial Secretary, is appointed Governor's Deputy during the absence from Singapore of Sir Hugh Clifford.

Mr. George Leslie Batt ceases, with effect from July 16, to be a Surveyor of Ships under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, his place being temporarily taken by Mr. Edward Watt.

The friends of Mrs. T. Holmes, who left for home in February, will be pleased to learn that she is recovering from her recent serious illness. Mr. Holmes left on the "Glenapp" for Singapore on July 9.

Dr. M. A. Gabriel, of the District Hospital, Klang, has returned to Kuala Lumpur after six months' leave in England, and will, it is said, be taking up duties at the General Hospital, Kuala Lumpur, shortly.

Mr. B. A. Especkerman, chief clerk, Education Department, Seremban, has retired after 32 years' service in Negri Sembilan. He is being succeeded by Mr. T. P. N. Rajah, chief clerk, Class I, from the magistrate's office.

The death of Q.M.S. Hack, of the 41st Co., Royal Engineers, occurred at the Military Hospital, Tanglin, last week. The funeral took place with full military honours, Mr. Hack leaves a widow and three children, now at Pulo Brani, to mourn his loss.

Mr. William R. Kuhns, United Press correspondent in Manila for two years, accompanied by Mrs. Kuhns, is to leave for Peking on August 25. Mr. Kuhns will be correspondent in the Chinese capital for the United Press. His successor in Manila will be Mr. Randall Gould at present correspondent for the United Press in Peking and formerly news editor of the "Japan Times" in Tokyo.

Mr. H. V. Kaltenborn, associate editor of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle," New York, Mr. D. E. Cappelman, of the staff of the Standard Oil Co., Mr. R. Bolter, representative of the Ford Motor Co.; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Selph, Manila lawyer, en route to the United States; Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Ewing, Findlay, Ohio, prominent banker of that city on a tour of the Orient; Miss Mackey, Port Arthur, Ont., on tour of the Orient; Dr. A. J. Cortes, Manila physician; Mrs. Greenbaum, Iloilo, P.I., resident of Iloilo, on a trip to the United States; arrived in the Colony yesterday by the s.s. "Empress of Canada."

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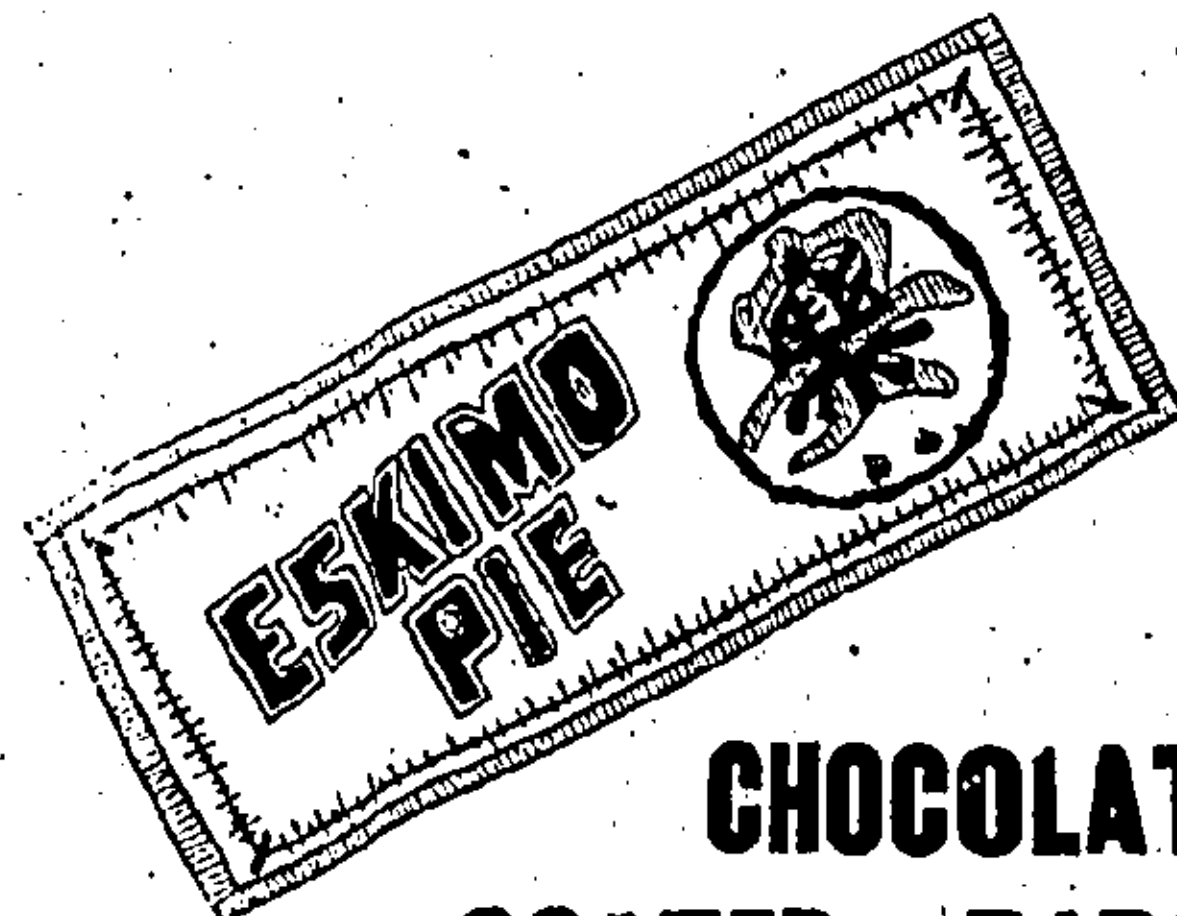
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THIS YEAR'S INTERPORT MATCH.

SUGGESTED DATE.

Through the courtesy of Mr. C. J. Tacchi, Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association, we learn that a reply has been received to the invitation to the Shanghai Association to send a team to the Colony this year.

Mr. W. T. Rose, of Shanghai has replied, thanking Hong Kong for the invitation and suggesting that the Shanghai team will leave toward the end of September and that the interport games be played in the first week of October.

The suggested arrangement is likely to receive the approval of the Hong Kong Association.

TUNNEY & DEMPSEY.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT AT CHICAGO.

Chicago, to-day.
The Tunney-Dempsey fight for the World's heavyweight championship will be held at Soldiers' Field here on September 15 next.
—Reuter's American Service.

HOME TENNIS.

WIN FOR BRITISH UNIVERSITIES.

Eastbourne, Yesterday.
At lawn tennis Oxford and Cambridge Universities beat Harvard and Yale by 11 matches to seven.
—Reuter.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

JAPAN ELIMINATES MEXICO.

St. Louis, Yesterday.
Japan has eliminated Mexico, and is thus entering the finals. Ohta beat Unda, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, and Harada beat Kinsey, 9-7, 6-0, 6-6.
—Reuter.

WALTER TRAVIS.

WELL KNOWN GOLFER PASSES.

Denver, Yesterday.
The death is announced of Walter Travis, ex-Open Golf Champion.
—Reuter's American Service.

ILLEGAL RECEIPTS.

DOCUMENTS ISSUED WITHOUT STAMPS.

The managers of three Chinese shops dealing in electrical goods were this morning summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell for issuing unstamped receipts.

In one case the Magistrate was satisfied that the document in question was a counter slip issued for the purpose of bookkeeping, as is done in all department stores, and dismissed the summons.

In the other two cases while the documents were of a similar nature, they bore the character "Sau"—meaning payment received. This one word on the document, the Magistrate held, made the documents receipts in the legal meaning of the term and must be stamped. However, the Magistrate treated the offence as a technical one and imposed a fine of \$1 in each case.

The defendants were warned that in future they must not issue counter slips with the character "Sau" on them or they would be liable to prosecution if the slips were not stamped.

ALLEGED MANSLAUGHTER.

ACCUSED CHINESE AGAIN REMANDED.

A Chinese who is charged with manslaughter in July 1925, and who is said to have jumped a bail of \$5,000 while awaiting trial in that year, was again before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning.

Sub-Inspector Alexander asked for another remand as one of the witnesses for the prosecution was in a serious condition at the hospital, and Major Willson was going there that morning to take the man's deposition.

The Magistrate remanded the accused in the Inspector's custody and directed that he be taken to the hospital to witness the taking of the deposition.

The hearing of the case was fixed for 2.15 on Friday afternoon next.

A GALA DAY.

ST. PETER'S CLUB AQUATIC SPORTS.

CLEAR WATER BAY OUTING

In spite of the rain, the gala day arranged by St. Peter's Young Men's Club yesterday was most successful. It took the form of aquatic and other sports arranged in the course of a bathing picnic to Clear Water Bay.

The results of the various events were as follows:—

Pillow fight: 1, T. Edward; 2, P. Sands.
Ladies nomination race:—1, Miss J. Ho Tung and W. M. Gittins; 2, Miss Landolt and W. Brett.

Team Race: Winning Team, Miss T. Hing, Miss B. Choy, Mr. Sands and Mr. Edwards.

Buoy Dive:—1, F. Zimmern; 2, T. Edwards.

Pick-a-back race:—1, Miss F. G. Ho Tung and E. Zimmern; 2, Miss B. Choy and J. Kotewall.

Dressing in water:—1, D. Laing; 2, J. Kotewall.

Buoy Race:—1, Miss J. Ho Tung and W. M. Gittins; 2, Miss M. Lee and D. Laing.

Wheelbarrow Race:—1, Samy and P. Wong; 2, D. Laing and E. Zimmern.

Wheelbarrow Race, (ladies):—1, Miss C. Chin and Miss I. Rodgers; 2, Miss F. Ho Tung and Miss G. Ho Tung.

LOCAL BASEBALL.

LEAGUE MATCH FOR TO-MORROW.

Owing to inclement weather the baseball match between an All-Hong Kong nine and the U.S.S. "Helen" did not take place yesterday afternoon.

Weather permitting, the Filipino Baseball Club will meet the Japanese Baseball Club to-morrow at 5.15 p.m. to play off the match which had to be abandoned on Friday last on account of rain.

WATER POLO MEETING.

A meeting of the Hong Kong Water Polo Association is taking place at 6 o'clock this evening at the V.R.C.

A DIAMOND RING.

WOMAN'S ATTEMPT TO PAWN IT.

A Chinese hawker and his wife were this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, the former with the larceny by finding of a diamond ring worth \$200, and the latter with attempting to pawn the ring.

Sergeant Fitches said that at 7.30 a.m., on July 30 he visited the San Yuen pawnshop in Graham Street and there saw the woman attempting to pawn a diamond ring. He asked her where she got the ring from and she said that it was given to her by her husband, who she said was a seaman. The witness did not believe her story and ordered a Chinese detective to arrest the woman.

About 12.30 p.m., the same day he sent two detectives to No. 29, Kowloon City Road to arrest the woman's husband, who was locked up with the woman. At 10 o'clock that night the owner came to the station to report the loss of his ring. He not only identified the ring at the station as this property but also identified both the defendants as people whom he had befriended.

The Magistrate gave a remand until noon on Friday next.

Suffering from Lysol poisoning said to have been self-administered, a Chinese living at No. 56, Western Street was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

A 14-year-old Chinese boy was yesterday taken to the Government Civil Hospital as the result of being bitten by a "chow" dog at Wongneichong. The animal was not captured.

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SIR H. CLIFFORD.

ROUSING RECEPTION AT KUALA LUMPUR.

Kuala Lumpur, July 25.
Kuala Lumpur gave Sir Hugh and Lady Clifford, a rousing reception on their arrival by special train this morning on their first official visit.

The station and the main road leading to the Town Hall were decorated in a manner seldom seen in this town. The train steamed into the station sharp at 9 a.m.

Alighting, His Excellency was met by the Hon. Mr. W. Peel, C.M.G., and was introduced to the Sultan and the Raja Muda, followed by the councillors, heads of departments and leading citizens.

Sir Hugh Clifford then inspected a guard of honour from the M.S.V.R., under Captain Harris, and afterwards drove to Government House.

The station and the entire route was thronged by large crowds.

A public reception was held at the Town Hall at 10.30 when Mr. A. S. Bailey on behalf of the official communities of Selangor presented Sir Hugh Clifford with an address of welcome.

EAST AFRICAN DIOCESES.

CHURCH CONFERENCE ASKS FOR AN ARCHBISHOP.

Nairobi, July 13.
A Conference of Bishops and delegates from the East African dioceses concluded at Nairobi to-day.

It was unanimously resolved that the time had arrived for the formation of a Province of East Africa to include the dioceses of Nyasaland, Uganda, Mombasa, Zanzibar, the Upper Nile and Masasi, and to recommend a scheme to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

It was resolved that Synod should be called upon to elect an Archbishop.

MAIDEN SPEECH.

"WISE, BRILLIANT AND ELOQUENT."

London, July 7.
The debate in the House of Commons on the House of Lords reform was marked by a brilliant maiden speech by the novelist, Mr. John Buchan.

Speaking on behalf of a section of the Conservative Party, he urged that the Lord Chancellor's scheme of reform must be got out of the road before any serious reform could be undertaken, because it was impracticable, wrong and dangerous in principle, also a contradiction of the fundamentals of the Conservative creed.

The House of Lords could not be tinkered with. It worked much more satisfactorily than the Second Chambers of other countries.

"It is the most remarkable depositary of talent and knowledge, and the most curious microcosm of the life of Great Britain," he declared.

"When Providence has given us this kind of a Second Chamber, why attempt to tamper with it?"

The speech was cheered by members on both sides of the House.

Mr. D. Lloyd George, the Liberal leader, congratulated Mr. Buchan on his "wise, brilliant and eloquent speech."

ITALY AND JUGO-SLAVIA.

ROME PRESS COMPLAINS OF AFFRONT.

Berlin, July 22.

Rome reports that the new Jugo-Slav Consul at Sestari is an anti-Fascist agitator born in Italy and recently deported.

The Rome Press considers the appointment an affront to Italy and adds that the Italo-Jugo-Slav negotiations concerning the recent conflict are practically broken off.

CROCKERY HURLED.

DURING SON'S WEDDING RECEPTION.

Grand Anse, Que., July 26.
Crockery was hurled to-day during the wedding reception of "Bud" Stillman, son of a wealthy New York family, and Lena Wilson, of obscure Canadian parentage. Mrs. James A. Stillman, mother of the bridegroom, did the hurling.

The wedding ceremony was performed this afternoon at a sylvan altar in the Canadian woods, in the presence of a large crowd of relatives, friends and neighbours.

At the reception which followed on the lawn of Stillman Lodge, moving picture operators and news cameramen attempted to "shoot" the guests as they were assembling for refreshments. Mrs. Stillman, (senior) threw plates, dishes, and other articles of china and crockery at the photographers.

The cameramen retreated.—Associated Press.

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KUALA LUMPUR FIRE.

FIREMEN'S EFFORTS TO SAVE SHOP HOUSES.

Kuala Lumpur, July 20.
The little village of Serdang, some miles out of Kuala Lumpur, has suffered badly as the result of fire which broke out in the early hours of this morning.

How the fire originated is unknown and it was only discovered after the flames had spread to several shop houses.

At 2 a.m. the local fire brigade received a call and an engine under the Superintendent, Mr. H. Lloyd, was immediately despatched.

By the time the firemen arrived on the scene the whole row of shop houses was affected and the houses on the other side of the road were in danger.

Unfortunately, there was no supply of water available close by and this had to be secured from a pond about a quarter of a mile away.

The full force was turned on and after about 40 minutes of pumping the fire was got under control.

In the meantime, however, 18 shop houses were burned out. The damage is estimated at about \$18,000. Part of this is stated to be covered by insurance.

"INTO VALLEY OF DEATH."

LAST BENEFICIARY OF BALACLAVA FUND.

London, July 9.

Presiding at the 23rd annual meeting of the Royal Patriotic Fund, the Duke of Connaught announced that the Light Brigade (Balacava) Fund, which they took over in 1892, had terminated with the recent passing away of Troop Sergeant-Major Edwin Hughes, late of the 13th Hussars, at the age of 96, who was the last beneficiary of the Fund.

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GENERAL DYER.

THE DISTURBANCES AT AMRITSAR RECALLED.

A Reuter cable from Home on July 25 announced the death of Brigadier General R. E. H. Dyer, C.B., who retired in 1920 from the command of the 4th Infantry Brigade in India. He was in his sixty-third year.

His name will always be associated with the Amritsar shooting affair. It may be recalled that there was general uneasiness in India following the termination of the war and considerable disorders in Calcutta were not suppressed until the military were called in.

They flamed up in the Punjab where the chief centre was at Amritsar. There, on April 10, 1919, two men prominently connected with the agitation, Dr. Kitchlew and Dr. Satyapal, were placed under preventive detention. The mob thereupon marched on the civil station and was turned back by fire. It immediately entered upon a course of arson and murder.

The railway goods yard was attacked, and Guard Robinson was murdered, the National Bank was fired and the manager, Mr. Stewart, and the assistant manager, Mr. Scott murdered. The Chartered Bank was attacked, but the officers escaped; the Alliance Bank was attacked and the manager was murdered.

Mob Fired On.
A lady doctor, Miss Sherwood, was brutally beaten. The mob secured practical possession of the city, and on April 13 a large proclaimed meeting was held in an enclosure called the Jallianwallah Bagh. This was fired on by the military under the orders of Brigadier-General Dyer, and upwards of 2,000 casualties inflicted, of whom various estimates place the killed at between 300 and 400.

These events caused much discussion in India and the Imperial Government ordered an inquiry. General Dyer was reprimanded and punished by the Secretary of State. In the course of subsequent judicial proceedings arising out of a libel action the General was vindicated, but for a long time public resentment at the inactivity of Government to take any action to this end ran very high.

JUNE MATHIS.

FAMOUS SCENARIO WRITER DEAD.

New York, July 27.

June Mathis, the famous moving picture scenario writer, died suddenly of heart disease while witnessing a play in the Forty Eighth Street Theatre. She was the person who adapted Ibsen's "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" and has usually been credited with the discovery of the late Valentino's screen possibilities.—"United Press."

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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Mr. Lewis Spokes Richards, Edgbaston, Birmingham, who left estate of the gross value of \$260,370, made large bequests to hospitals.

The tenth Baron and first Viscount Ellbank left, in addition to real estate, unsettled personal state in Great Britain valued for probate at \$37,871.

The new school chapel, erected at Charterhouse School at a cost of \$58,000 as a memorial to the 700 Old Carthusians who fell in the war, is the most conspicuous of all the school buildings.

Richmond Horse Show opened successfully, the exhibits proving that the quality and merit of the nation's equine stocks continue to improve. The King's stud of Cleveland bay horses at Buckingham Palace provided two prize-winners among the many classes of horses and ponies judged.

Delegates to the conference of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows devoted considerable time to the discussion of a scheme to raise a central fund by which to enable deficiency lodges to provide benefits under National Health Insurance. The scheme, which was put forward as necessary, since the Unity is not valued as a whole, was accepted.

Brigadier-General P. R. C. Groves has accepted the appointment of Secretary-General to the Air League of the British Empire, will enter upon his duties. In British aeronautical circles the appointment is confidently expected to inaugurate increased activity and greater usefulness of the League, which has been hampered by small membership.

Viscount Lee of Fareham, at the annual meeting of the National Art Collections Fund, said he saw no reason why the subsidy to the National Gallery should not be raised from the present pitiable figure to at least \$25,000 a year. The only way to grapple with the ever-growing American competition was for the great galleries and museums to furnish funds such as theirs with lists of the treasures they wished to secure.

Delegates to the third biennial conference of the British Empire Service League were, at Buckingham Palace, presented to the King by Field-Marshal Earl Haig. On Mr. T. F. Lister, who has retired from the chairmanship of the League and has become vice-president, the King conferred the C.B.E., and Captain Dyett, of the Returned Soldiers' and Sailors' Association of Australia, received the C.M.G. When the conference of the League was resumed it was announced that, in addition to Sir A. Bailey's gift of land in Rhodesia, an offer of more than 1,000 acres of land in Alberta, Canada, had been made to the League.

Jesus College regained the headship of the river in the Cambridge Mays.

Mrs. Woodhull Martin, well known for many years as a humanitarian writer, has died in her 89th year.

At the inquest on Lord Abinger, who died suddenly while walking in the grounds of his Surrey estate, a verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

Conscription of men and property in time of war and German colonization in Tanganyika were among the matters discussed at the resumed sitting of the Biennial Conference of the British Service.

Great concern is expressed by colliery owners and miners' officials regarding the situation created by the decree for the licensing of coal imports into France, which now comes into operation, though to some extent coal will be exported from Britain by permission.

The Queen recently laid the foundation stone of the new chapel at Stowe school. Before going to the school her Majesty visited Buckingham, where she was received by the Mayor and Corporation, from whom she accepted an address of welcome.

Ninety-six South African farmers who are making a tour of Britain and the Continent to study markets and agricultural methods have arrived in London. The visitors, accompanied by their wives, were received by the Prince of Wales at St. James's Palace.

The Association of Education Committees decided to invite organizations representing educational authorities and teachers to appoint representatives to confer, with a view to inculcating the principles of the League of Nations into the minds of scholars and of students in training colleges.

London and the Home Counties were represented at a conference of the Association of Conservative Clubs, at which Sir Herbert Field, K.C., M.P., who presided, expressed the hope that before long their privileges as clubmen would be restored to them. A resolution was carried urging upon the Prime Minister the necessity of the reconsideration of the Defence of the Realm Act and the restoration of the clubs' privileges.



The treasurer of Guy's Hospital states that that institution is deeply in debt.

The Archdeacon of Surrey considers that the time is coming to an end when bishops must be appointed by the Prime Minister.

Challapin travelled from Vienna to sing in connection with the Convention of the Federation of British Music Industries at Folkestone.

At a special general meeting of the Royal Yacht Squadron Sir Richard Williams-Bulkeley was elected Commodore, in succession to the late Duke of Leeds.

Imported goods will no longer be able to be sold in the United Kingdom under a British name or trade mark. This is the effect of the putting into operation of the first part of the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926.

The Bishop of London, welcomed home by the Mothers' Union, said he had never realised how absolutely appalling was the loneliness and isolation of numbers of British women in different parts of the Empire until he saw it for himself.

The school-leaving age and the value of music in education were the principal subjects discussed at the annual meeting of the Association of Educational Committees. A resolution was carried in favour of raising the age of obligation to attend school to fifteen years.

At the convention of Rotary International the spreading of Rotarian ideas through work among the boys of two score nations was considered. Melbourne (Australia) Club won the trophy for attendance at the Convention; ten of the 145 members of the club had travelled 12,527 miles to Ostead.

Mrs. Ellen Ferguson Pullar, Dunbarney, Bridge of Earn, Perthshire, left unsettled personal estate in Great Britain valued at \$143,466. Her husband pre-deceased her by a few weeks, and left personal estate valued at \$520,609.

Lieut.-Colonel J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon, M.P., formerly Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Transport, was fined 60s. at Bromley for exceeding the twenty miles speed limit on Sidney by-pass road. In a letter to the Bench he said he was stopped for doing thirty-four miles an hour—the speed alleged against him—along one of the newest and broadest roads in the country, and he contended that such charges were almost frivolous.

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Samahui & Wuchow	4 p.m.	Kalyan.
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Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	8.30 a.m.	Empress of Canada.
Swatow, Amoy & Poochow	12.30 p.m.	Takwa Maru
Shanghai & Japan	12.30 p.m.	Hanching
Hoihow, Tourane & Quinhon	5 p.m.	Chenonceaux
THURSDAY, AUGUST	4	
Swatow	2.30 p.m.	Hydrangea
Haiphong	5 p.m.	Mingsang
FRIDAY, AUGUST	5	
Sandakan	1.30 p.m.	Hinsang
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Flight Abandoned.

Later.
Owing to fog Chamberlin has abandoned his plan to fly to Peterborough and has landed at Curtisfield.—Reuter's American Service.

DUTCH FLIGHT.

Master of Semphill interviewed.

London, July 26.

Van Lear Black, publisher of the Baltimore Sun papers, landed at Croydon to-day completing a round trip flight to Java.

His actual flying time was less than 200 hours. He described his experiences as the first long distance air passenger, with enthusiasm. He said that he encountered no real danger and the only unusual excitement occurred when a herd of wild elephants dashed toward the plane as it was taking off from a point in Burma.

Colonel the Master of Semphill, famous British flier and aeroplane manufacturer, in an interview with the "United Press" described the flight as an important milestone in the development of aviation. He said:

"This is the first long-distance passenger flight outside of Europe. It certainly is of the greatest importance to the development of such flights and can be regarded as an indication passenger aeroplane service is to be more common in the near future. Mr. Black is to be congratulated that he was able to secure two such fine pilots of international renown."

The Honorable William Francis Forbes Semphill then pointed out that the Dutch airman are among the finest in the world because of their calmness, thorough training and technical knowledge of aerodynamics. Continuing, he said:

"The Fokker machine, which was used on the Black flight, is one of the finest types of aeroplanes and the reputation of the Bristol air-cooled engines is such that further praise is superfluous."

"The fact that a private individual hired an ordinary plane and started on such a long-distance trip without any special arrangements being made beforehand is an extremely important factor in the development of passenger flights. It is also a great compliment to American enterprise which is always willing to be the first to boost new possibilities in any field. Mr. Black could more conveniently make his trip to India in a luxurious yacht yet he preferred the glorious thrill of flying."

The Colonel, who is the representative of the Air Ministry on the Advisory Council of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, then explained that in his opinion the airship is better than aeroplanes for long-distance passenger trips on account of greater facilities for carrying more weight in the form of both fuel and baggage. He

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of confidence in the President, Mr. Havelock Wilson. The Conference endorsed by a large majority the executive's decision to grant a loan of £10,000 free of interest to the miners' non-political union formed by Mr. G. A. Spencer, M.P.—Reuter.

added, however, that the development of both kinds of aircraft will be simultaneous since in the future airships will cover long distance while at various stations aeroplanes will be ready to transport the passengers to their final destinations.

There are few fliers in Britain who have a more brilliant and varied record than the Colonel. He served as Flight Commander for four years, retiring from the R.A.F. in 1919. He was requested by the Imperial Japanese Naval Authorities to undertake the organization, equipment and training of the Imperial Japanese Air Service in 1921. He lectured before German Aeronautical Society in Berlin during 1925 and was requested by the Greek government to come to Athens to report on the proposed organization and training of the Greek Naval Air Service. He also was one of the most prominent competitors for the King's Cup Air Race round Britain in 1924 and 1925. Among his publications are "Wanderings Along a Future Commercial Air Route" and "The British Aviation Mission to the Imperial Japanese Navy."—"United Press."

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Orders to the effect that such action was advisable were received more than a week ago from the head office and within the past four or five days department after department have been cutting down their staffs.

Even before the final orders were received the smaller factory in Yangtzepoo was closed—some two weeks ago—affecting 800 or 900 persons. Then came the instructions that all manufacturing operations should be curtailed and the staff of more than 7,000 in Pootung was gradually turned off.

Over-Stocked.

The departments of the company in Pootung include two factories in which are manufactured the cigarettes for native consumption, two printing departments, where the advertising posters are made and an engineering department.

The last of the workers left the factory last evening, the total number having been cut down to 3,500. Most of these, it is said, live in the districts near by and cannot come back to work on short notice.

According to the officials the closing of the factories is not connected by any way, at present, with the increase in taxes levied by the Nationalist Government in Nanking. It is simply a case of having on hand more stocks than can be disposed. In normal times, with the factories running at the rate they have been lately, the stocks would be under supplied, but the company within the past few months—as is the case of practically all such concerns—have been forced to withdraw their representatives.

Tobacco Held Up.

However, much speculation is going on generally as to what the proposed increase in taxes will bring forth when the time comes. The company is also being put to another disadvantage by the large stocks of raw tobacco which have been held up in the interior for some time past.

It is said that other foreign, as well as Chinese, tobacco concerns are being more or less subjected to the same things as are the B.A.T. These have gone through a similar curtailment for some time past, but are reported to be running more or less normally, at the present time, though they are not manufacturing up to capacity, nor have they been doing so for several weeks.

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